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FOR THE

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ESSEX COUNTY  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Incorporated June 21, 1793

Area 14.99 sq. miles

Sixth Congressional District

Fifth Councillor District

Third Essex Senatorial District

Fifteenth Essex Representative District

Congressman—William H. Bates of Salem

Councillor—Arthur A. Thomson of North Andover

Senator—Philip A. Graham of Hamilton

Representatives (2) { Cornelius J. Murray of Beverly  
                              { Herbert S. Tuckerman of Beverly

County Commissioners (3) { C. F. Nelson Pratt of Saugus  
                                  { J. Fred Manning of Lynn  
                                  { Arthur A. Thompson of Methuen

*Population*

1920	1631	(Federal Census)
1925	2018	(State " )
1930	2044	(Federal " )
1935	2235	(State " )
1940	2037	(Federal " )
1945	2387	(State " )
1950	2764	(Federal " )



## 1954 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

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### *Selectmen*

EDWARD A. DEWITT, Chairman  
LAWRENCE R. STONE EVERETT F. HALEY

### *Board of Public Welfare*

LAWRENCE R. STONE, Chairman  
EDWARD A. DEWITT EVERETT H. HALEY

### *Board of Health*

EVERETT F. HALEY, Chairman  
EDWARD A. DEWITT LAWRENCE R. STONE

### *Moderator*

OLIVER WOLCOTT

### *Town Clerk—Town Accountant*

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE

### *Treasurer*

WALFRED B. SELLMAN

### *Tax Collector*

BERTHA L. CROWELL

### *Assessors*

ROBERT H. CHITTICK, Chairman  
Term expires 1956  
ELMO O. ADAMS JESSE S. MANN  
Term expires 1955 Term expires 1957 (Deceased)  
ARTHUR L. BENNETT

### *Planning Board*

ARTHUR E. MORROW, Chairman  
Term expires 1956  
GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR. M. KEITH LANDER  
Term expires 1955 Term expires 1958  
FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN HENRY J. GOURDEAU  
Term expires 1957 Term expires 1959

*Finance and Advisory Committee*

FREDERIC WINTHROP, Chairman

ROBERT H. CHITTICK, III

WILLIAM M. FOLEY

JOHN C. GARLAND

LAWRENCE PELKEY

*Town Counsel*

STANDISH BRADFORD

*Registrars of Voters*

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman

Term Expires 1955

JESSIE W. B. CUNNINGHAM

LAWRENCE LAMSON

Term expires 1956

Term expires 1957

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE, Clerk-Officio

*Chief of Police*

EDWARD FREDRICK

*Fire Engineers*

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, Chief

HAROLD G. DODD

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

*Moth Superintendent*

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

*Tree Warden*

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

*Forest Warden*

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

*Building Inspector*

FRANK W. BUZZELL

*Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering*

ERNEST M. BARKER

*Inspector of Milk*

ERNEST M. BARKER

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

ERVING O. MAXWELL

*Dog Officer*

HUGH E. MacDONALD

*Sanitary Inspector*

PHILIP S. PLUMMER

*Civil Defense Director*

JOHN H. PERKINS

*Dental Clinic Nurse*

MISS FLORENCE STOBART

*Surveyor of Highways*

CHARLES F. POOLE

*School Committee*

MORLEY L. PIPER, Chairman

Term expires 1956

ALLAN MacCURRACH

Term expires 1955

GRACE B. LAMSON

Term expires 1957

*Trustees of Public Library*

JOHN F. NEARY, Chairman

Term expires 1955

SARAH H. TRUSSELL

Term expires 1956

MELVIN F. REED

Term expires 1957

*Librarians*

LOUISE C. BROWN

Main Library

JENNIE S. PERLEY

Branch Library

*Park Commissioners*

PHILIP HOPKINS, Chairman

Term expires 1955

RAY M. SANDFORD

Term expires 1956

ALBERT P. LOUGEE

Term expires 1957

*Park Superintendent*

JAMES H. GOODRICH

*Water Commissioners*

GORDON L. THOMPSON, Chairman

Term expires 1955

GEORGE A. HARRIGAN

Term expires 1956

RICHARD H. SMITH

Term expires 1957

*Superintendent of Water Works*

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

*Cemetery Commissioners*

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE, Chairman  
Term expires 1957

JOHN T. WALKE  
Term expires 1955

LAWRENCE C. FOSTER  
Term expires 1956

*Superintendent of Cemetery*

PHILIP S. PLUMMER

*Board of Appeals, under Protective (Zoning) By-Law*

GEORGE G. BECKETT, Chairman

JOHN F. NEARY

ELMER H. SMITH

F. HARLAN CLOCK, Associate Member

*Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark*

JESSE S. MANN

FRANK W. BUZZELL

Deceased

LEON S. PERKINS

ERNEST M. BARKER

*Field Drivers*

CARL C. ANDERSON

ERNEST M. BARKER

WILLIAM W. BANCROFT

HAROLD M. DODGE

*Fence Viewers*

JAMES S. MacLAREN

WILLIAM J. DALEY

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Deceased

*Union Health Department Study Committee*

HAROLD A. DALEY, Chairman

DR. ALBERT R. LARCHEZ

SAMUEL J. TYACK

PAUL F. PERKINS, JR.

DR. STANLEY A. WILSON

*School Building Committee*

FINLEY D. MacDONALD, Chairman

STANDISH BRADFORD

RUTH F. DONALDSON

FORRESTER A. CLARK

G. GORDON LOVE

*School Needs Study Committee*

HENRY J. GOURDEAU  
JOHN F. NEARY

JOSEPH H. QUINN  
SHERWOOD B. STOCKWELL  
Resigned  
GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR.

*Building and Electrical Code Study Committee*

ARTHUR M. KNIGHT, Chairman  
BERNARD A. CULLEN  
A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

JEROME F. FLYNN  
OMER J. POIRIER

*Public Works Department Study Committee*

W. WHITNEY LUNDGREN, Chairman  
JOHN A. BICK, JR.  
LAWRENCE LAMSON

G. GORDON LOVE  
PAUL F. PERKINS



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REPORT

of the

TOWN CLERK

1954



## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

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*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

I submit herewith my eleventh annual report as Clerk of our Town of Hamilton.

During the year 1954 the elections and town meetings consisted of the annual town meeting held March 1st and the annual town election held March 9th; the regular state primary held September 14th, the regular state election held November 2nd and a special town meeting held December 15th. As has been the custom for many years, a detailed report of each is printed in the town report as part of the Clerk's report.

A list of births, marriages and deaths recorded during the year is also included as a part of the Clerk's report. Occasionally a record of birth is received and the parents have neglected to notify the Clerk of the town or city where the birth occurred of the name of the child. Such neglect can create a very inconvenient and annoying situation should the child require a copy of the birth record at a later date as proof of age or citizenship. Parents are urged to comply with the law and notify the Clerk of the name of the child within forty days after the date of birth.

I express my sincere appreciation to all the townspeople and town officials for their assistance and cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

*Town Clerk.*

## RECORDINGS AND LICENSES ISSUED

## BIRTHS RECORDED

Male .....	48
Female .....	54
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Total .....	102

## MARRIAGES RECORDED

Residents .....	33
Non-residents .....	5
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Total .....	38

## DEATHS RECORDED

Residents .....	38
Non-residents .....	0
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Total .....	38

## SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Fishing .....	61
Hunting .....	67
Sporting .....	51
Minors Fishing .....	17
Female Fishing .....	13
Trapping .....	1
Non-resident Fishing .....	1
Duplicate .....	2
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Total .....	213

## DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male .....	219
Female .....	44
Spayed Female .....	89
\$10. Kennel .....	7
25. Kennel .....	3
50. Kennel .....	1
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Total .....	363

# REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held in the High School Auditorium, March 1, 1954

AND OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, MARCH 9, 1954

MODERATOR: Oliver Wolcott

## ELECTION OFFICERS

### *Counters*

Alice E. Gillissen  
Mary T. Greeley  
Philip Hopkins  
Frank H. Tuck

Freda E. Colwell  
Jessie W. B. Cunningham  
Katherine M. Day  
Thomas A. Sargent

### *Checkers*

Henry C. Jackson  
Lawrence Lamson

George Morrow  
Edward J. Ready

Jeremiah J. Doyle

### *Police*

Edward H. Frederick

Lester D. Charles

### *Town Clerk*

Francis H. Whipple

The Moderator, Mr. Oliver Wolcott, opened the meeting at seven-fifty (7:50) o'clock in the evening on Monday, March 1, 1954.

Rev. Norman B. Cawley led the meeting in prayer.

Immediately following Rev. Norman B. Cawley's invocation an interval was taken for the presentation of two flags to the High School for display in the War Memorial Gymnasium in memory of two Hamilton young men who lost their lives in Korea. On behalf of A. P. Gardner Post 194, Commander Bernard A. Cullen presented an American Flag and a Flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in memory of PFC Robert H. Morrow and PFC John A. Stelling. Chairman Morley Piper accepted the gift, as spokesman for the school board. Members of the Post Firing Squad under Robert H. Chittick, 3rd, who took part in the presentation, were Louis Zampell, Henry Stelling and James Stelling, brothers of PFC John A. Stelling; and Edward Morrow, brother of PFC Robert A. Morrow. The playing of taps from outside the hall ended the ceremony. Bugler was Howard Carlton.

Moderator: "The first business of the evening is Article 2: To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine."

Moved by Mr. Arthur M. Knight and duly seconded: "That four field drivers and four measurers of wood, lumber and bark be elected by the meeting from the floor and that the field drivers be nominated and elected first and the measurers of wood, lumber, and bark immediately following."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Arthur M. Knight and duly seconded: "That Harold M. Dodge, Carl C. Anderson, William W. Bancroft and Ernest M. Barker be elected field drivers for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Arthur M. Knight and duly seconded: "That Jesse S. Mann, Frank W. Buzzell, Ernest M. Barker, and Leon S. Perkins be elected measurers of wood, lumber and bark for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 3. Moderator: "To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees as printed in the town report be received and placed on file."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 4. Moderator: "To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all other Town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same."

"As in past years I shall read the appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee and if debate is wished on any item, call 'Pass' and that item will be considered after the others are voted as a whole."

Finance Committee .....	\$	15.00
Selectmen:		
Salaries .....		1,150.00
Clerical .....		2,080.00
Expenses .....		2,300.00
Accountants:		
Salary .....		3,050.00
Expenses .....		300.00
Treasurer:		
Salary .....		1,500.00
Expenses .....		575.00

## Tax Collector:

Salary .....	1,700.00
Expenses .....	650.00

## Assessors:

Salaries and Wages .....	2,600.00
Expenses .....	545.00

## Law:

Salary .....	800.00
Expenses .....	200.00

## Town Clerk:

Salary .....	1,000.00
Expenses .....	300.00

## Election and Registration:

Expenses .....	2,000.00
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## Town Hall:

Salary .....	2,150.00
Expenses .....	2,350.00
Office Equipment .....	500.00

## Essex County Pension Fund:

Contributions .....	3,950.75
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## Police:

Salary and Wages of Chief and Special Officers .....	8,400.00
Expenses .....	2,000.00
New Uniforms .....	300.00

## Fire:

Wages .....	2,310.00
Expenses .....	2,210.00

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary .....	230.00
Expenses .....	100.00

## Moth—Town:

Salary of Superintendent .....	1,670.00
Wages .....	990.00
Expenses .....	500.00

## Moth—Private:

Salary of Superintendent .....	360.00
Wages .....	378.00
Expenses .....	300.00

## Tree Warden:

Salary .....	1,170.00
Wages .....	1,322.00
Expenses .....	160.00
Special—Planting Trees .....	200.00
Special—Pruning Elms .....	500.00

## Forest Fire Warden:

Salary .....	40.00
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## Board of Health:

Salaries .....	120.00
Clerk .....	60.00
Milk Inspector .....	75.00
Expenses .....	1,500.00
Rubbish Collection .....	4,500.00
Garbage Collection .....	3,200.00

## Dental Clinic:

Salary of Nurse .....	200.00
Expenses .....	3,300.00

## Inspector of Animals:

Salary .....	90.00
Expenses .....	50.00

## Highways:

Salary of Superintendent and Surveyor .....	3,200.00
Wages of Drivers and Helpers .....	12,880.00
Labor and Expenses .....	5,143.00
Sidewalks .....	2,000.00
Gravel Roads .....	7,000.00
Snow Removal and Sanding .....	5,000.00
Street Lighting .....	9,800.00

## Public Welfare:

Salaries .....	120.00
Expenses .....	4,000.00

Disability Assistance .....	6,000.00
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## Old Age Assistance:

Assistance .....	30,000.00
Administration .....	2,000.00

## Aid to Dependent Children:

Aid .....	4,500.00
Administration .....	25.00

## Veterans' Benefits:

Benefits .....	6,000.00
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## Education—Schools:

General Expense .....	11,475.00
Expense of Instruction .....	111,562.99
Text Books and Supplies .....	8,125.00
Operation of Plant .....	20,575.00
Extra Janitor Service .....	500.00
Repairs and Upkeep (Normal) .....	1,500.00
Repairs and Upkeep (Extra) .....	1,500.00
Transportation .....	9,758.75
Auxiliary Agencies .....	4,150.00
New Equipment—High .....	262.00
Athletics .....	1,190.00

## Special for High School:

Vocational .....	1,250.00
Driver Training .....	200.00

## Libraries:

Salary {	Main Library .....	}	1,250.00
	Branch .....		
	Janitor .....		
Expenses .....			2,404.50

## Park Department:

Salary of Superintendent .....	2,750.00
Salary of Instructors .....	918.00
Labor .....	1,400.00
Expense .....	1,607.00
Resurfacing Tennis Court .....	1,200.00



## Water Department:

Salary of Superintendent .....	3,200.00
Salary of Assistant Superintendent .....	2,750.00
Salary of Clerk .....	800.00
Extra Labor .....	1,325.00
Expenses .....	12,750.00
Special (Compressor) .....	1,500.00
Extension of Mains .....	5,000.00

## Cemetery:

Salaries of Commissioners .....	75.00
Salary of Superintendent .....	2,750.00
Salary of Clerk .....	200.00
Wages and Expenses .....	900.00

## Maturing Debt:

Maturing Debt .....	59,000.00
Interest .....	13,100.00

## Unclassified:

Town Report .....	1,600.00
Town Clock .....	100.00
Memorial Day .....	650.00
American Legion .....	1,000.00
Insurance .....	5,900.00
Planning Board .....	500.00
Finance Committee—Reserve Fund .....	5,000.00

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the various sums recommended in the report of the Finance and Advisory Committee."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 5. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000. for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance of various streets, to be expended for its share of the work, provided the state is agreeable to contribute to the cost thereof, and that available funds may be used to carry on the work until the Town is so reimbursed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 6. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Essex Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Arthur M. Knight and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$875. for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Essex Street, to be expended for its share of the work. provided the state and county are agreeable to contribute to the cost thereof, and that available funds may be used to carry on the work until the Town is so reimbursed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 7. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction on Chebacco Road, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 8. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$500. from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Cemetery, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John T. Walke and duly seconded: "That the sum of \$500 be transferred from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Cemetery."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 9. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck with snow-plowing equipment for the use of the Highway Department and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. William Foley and duly seconded: "That the Town purchase and acquire a dump truck with snow plowing and sanding equipment for the use of the Highway Department, that the sum of \$4,500. be raised and appropriated therefor, and that, subject to applicable provisions of law, the Highway Surveyor be and he hereby is authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 10. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500. for the purchase, for the Addition to the High School and for the New Elementary School, of additional lights and audio-amplification system for the auditorium in the High School, cyclo-

ramic curtains for the stages in both schools, stage curtains for the Elementary School, screens, shades and floor surfacing material, and other fixtures and equipment, such sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Building Committee, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Finlay D. MacDonald and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500. for the purchase for the Addition to the High School and for the new Elementary School, additional lights and audio-amplification system for the auditorium in the High School, cycloramic curtains for the stages in both schools, stage curtains for the Elementary School, screens, shades and floor surfacing material, and other fixtures and equipment, and that such sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Building Committee."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 11. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to erect a building on Patton Memorial Park for the purpose of providing toilet facilities at the Park and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Park Commissioners, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Albert P. Lougee and duly seconded: "That the Town erect a building on Patton Memorial Park for the purpose of providing toilet facilities at the park and raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000. therefor, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 12. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or 'free cash' in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$20,000. in determining the tax rate for the year 1954 or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. William Foley and duly seconded: "That the Board of Assessors be and said Board hereby is authorized to allocate available funds or 'free cash' in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$20,000. for expenditure by the Town in the year 1954, and that said sum be so used by said Board in determining the tax rate for the year 1954."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 13. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the formation of a committee of eight of which four shall be members of the School Committee and Superintendent of schools and of which four shall be appointed by the Moderator (and of which committee the chairman of the School Committee shall be designated Chairman pro tem for organization) for the purpose of studying the immediate needs for public school requirements and facilities in the Town, and making a report of

their activities and recommendations on or before the next annual town meeting, and that the sum of \$1,000. be raised and appropriated for this purpose, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Morley L. Piper and duly seconded: "That a committee of eight consisting in part of the incumbents of the School Committee, and the Superintendent of Schools and in part four registered voters of the Town to be appointed by the Moderator (of which committee the Chairman of the School Committee shall be designated Chairman pro tem for the purpose of organization) for the purpose of studying the immediate needs for public school requirements and facilities in the town and making a report of their activities and recommendations on or before the next annual Town Meeting, and that the sum of \$1,000. be raised and appropriated for this purpose."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 14. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five for the purpose of studying the advisability of the adoption by the Town of a building and electrical code, such committee to make its report with recommendations at or before the next annual Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the committee, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five registered voters for the purpose of studying the advisability of the adoption by the Town of a building and electrical code, such committee to make its report with recommendations at or before the next annual town meeting."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 15. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five for the purpose of studying the advisability of the formation of a department in the nature of a public works department in the town, such committee to make its report with recommendations at the next annual town meeting, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the committee, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence E. Pelkey and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five registered voters for the purpose of studying the advisability of the formation of a department in the nature of a public works department in the town, such committee to make its report with recommendations at or before the next annual town meeting."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 16. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of the relocation of a portion of School Street by the Selectmen as

shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the relocation and rebuilding of said street in accordance with such plan, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Arthur M. Knight and duly seconded: "That the Town accept the layout of the relocation of a portion of School Street by the Selectmen as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500. for the relocation and rebuilding of said street in accordance with such plan."

Voice Vote. Motion defeated.

Article 17. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Ortins Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan entitled "Layout and Accepted Plan of Ortins Road in the Town of Hamilton, Mass., January 1954", now on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Ortins Road, so-called as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board as shown on a plan entitled "Layout and Acceptance Plan of Ortins Road in the Town of Hamilton, Mass., January 1954", on file with the Town Clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 18. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Porter Lane, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bruce Acres, Hamilton, Mass., November 6, 1952", now on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Richard W. Johnson and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Porter Lane, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan entitled "Acceptance Plan of Porter Lane and Cunningham Drive, Hamilton, Mass., March 1954, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers," on file with the Town Clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 19. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Cunningham Drive, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bruce Acres, Hamilton, Mass., November 6, 1952", now on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Richard W. Johnson and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Cunningham Drive, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board as shown on



a plan entitled "Acceptance Plan of Porter Lane and Cunningham Drive, Hamilton, Mass., March 1954, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers", on file with the Town Clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 20. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way that part of Lake Drive, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300. to be expended under the supervision of the Surveyor of Highways together with such further sum, not less than \$300. as shall be contributed by the Abutters of said way, for improvements to said way necessary to make said way conform to the requirements of Chapter VIII of the By-Laws, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, an extension of Lake Drive, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "Plan for Acceptance Section B and Section C Lake Drive, Hamilton, Mass., February, 1954, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers, on file with the Town Clerk on the condition that the work be completed to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer and the Selectmen."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 21. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of the Selectmen from one to three years, to become effective commencing with the election of town officers in 1955 of one Selectman for a term of three years, one Selectman for the term of two years, and one Selectman for the term of one year, and by the election each year thereafter of one Selectman for a term of three years, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Arthur M. Knight and duly seconded: "That the Town change the term of office of the Selectmen from one to three years, to become effective commencing with the election of town officers in 1955, such change to be effected by the election at the annual town meeting in 1955, of one Selectman for a term of three years, one Selectman for a term of two years, and one Selectman for a term of one year, and by the election each year thereafter of one Selectman for a term of three years."

Voice Vote. Motion defeated.

Article 22. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote on the joint recommendation of the School Committee and the School Building Committee to name the new Elementary School the "Manasseh Cutler School," or take any other action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and duly seconded: "That the New Elementary School on Asbury Street be and the same hereby is named the "Manasseh Cutler School."

Mr. John H. Perkins remarked that as the article advised this motion is highly recommended by the School Committee and by the School Building Committee and he thought Hamilton should take great pride in naming their new Elementary School after Manasseh Cutler, who was the first minister of the Congregational Church in Hamilton when we became incorporated in 1793, who organized the trec to the Northwest, and who represented us in Congress. Mr. Perkins remarked that Mr. Cutler was a great man and it would be a tribute to our town throughout the years to have our New Elementary School named for him.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 23. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to adopt a protective By-Law in the form of the By-Law which is enclosed in the 1953 Annual Town Report and which together with the final report of the Planning Board are on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John F. Neary and duly seconded: "That a protective By-Law be and the same hereby is adopted, subject to the approval of the Attorney General, in the form for such a By-Law enclosed in the 1953 Annual Town Report."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Seven voters stood to doubt the vote, and the Moderator announced that a standing vote would be taken. The Moderator immediately chose tellers to count the votes as follows:

Mr. William Cox	Mr. Richard Smith
Mr. Hovey Humphrey	Mr. Marshall Gero
Mr. Arthur Bennett	Mr. George Barney
Mr. Morley Piper	Mr. Robert Chittick

The Moderator asked those in favor of zoning to please stand and remain standing until counted. After the count was made the Moderator asked those opposed to zoning to stand and remain standing until counted.

After the count of votes was reported to the Moderator by the tellers, the Moderator announced the vote to be:

Yes: 353

No: 98

Moderator then declared the motion carried.

Article 24. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by inserting after Section 6 of Chapter X the following new Section:

Section 7. In the interest of public health and welfare, before construction is commenced upon any structure within the Town to be used as a dwelling, place of business, or for livestock, notice thereof shall be given to the Selectmen of the proposed location for registration by the Town Clerk, upon payment of a 50 cent fee therefor.

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That this article be indefinitely postponed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.



Article 25. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955 and to issue a note or notes thereof payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and amendments thereto."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 26. Moderator: "To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and amendments thereto."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 27. Moderator: "To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting."

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 9:10 P.M., until 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 9, 1954, at the High School Auditorium, when the balloting under Article 1 shall take place.

Vote on Article 1. March 9, 1954.

Polls were opened at 8:00 A.M. by the Moderator, Oliver Wolcott.  
There were 1280 votes cast under Article 1.

Men .....	633	Voted in Person .....	1260
Women .....	647	Absentee Votes .....	20

MODERATOR—for one year

Wolcott, Oliver .....	1017	Blanks .....	263
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TOWN CLERK—for one year

Whipple, Francis H. ....	1143	Blanks .....	137
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SELECTMEN—three for one year

Haley, Everett F. ....	742	DeWitt, Edward A. ....	790
Knight, Arthur M. ....	656	Blanks .....	898
Stone, Lawrence R. ....	754		

TREASURER—for one year

Sellman, Walfred B. ....	1085	Blanks .....	195
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TAX COLLECTOR—for one year

Crowell, Bertha L. ....	1155	Blanks .....	125
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ASSESSOR—for three years

Mann, Jesse S. ....	633	Blanks .....	52
Bennett, Arthur L. ....	565		

TREE WARDEN—for one year

Haraden, Rudolph H. ....	1099	Blanks .....	181
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HIGHWAY SURVEYOR—for one year

Poole, Charles F. ....	1112	Blanks .....	168
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE—one for three years

Lamson, Grace B. ....	609	Howe, Halsey DeWolf ....	505
Henley, Thomas L. ....	135	Blanks .....	31

TRUSTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY—for three years

Reid, Melvin F. ....	1016	Blanks .....	264
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## WATER COMMISSIONER—for three years

Smith, Richard H. ....	702	Blanks .....	118
Cheever, Walter E. ....	460		

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONER—for three years

Whipple, Raymond A. ....	1069	Blanks .....	211
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## PARK COMMISSIONER—for three years

Lougee, Albert P. ....	1035	Blanks .....	245
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## PLANNING BOARD—for five years

Gourdeau, Henry J. ....	1017	Blanks .....	263
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The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M., and the Moderator announced the results of the voting and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

*Town Clerk*

# REPORT OF STATE PRIMARY

Held September 14, 1954

## TELLERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

### *Republican*

Edward A. DeWitt  
Lawrence R. Stone  
Philip Hopkins  
Frank H. Tuck

### *Democratic*

Jessie W. B. Cunningham  
Alice E. Gillissen  
Lawrence Lamson  
Thomas A. Sargent, Jr.

### *Town Clerk*

Francis H. Whipple

### *Police*

Edward Fredrick

The Warrant was read and polls declared open at one o'clock P.M.  
by Lawrence R. Stone, Member of the Board of Selectmen.

A total of 496 votes were cast, Republican 475; Democratic 21.

Men 243; Women 253; as follows:

## REPUBLICAN VOTE

### GOVERNOR

Christian A. Herter .....	406
Blanks .....	69

### AUDITOR

William P. Constantino .....	366
Blanks .....	109

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Sumner G. Whittier .....	417
Blanks .....	58

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

George Fingold .....	400
Blanks .....	75

### SECRETARY

Michael J. McCarthy .....	372
Blanks .....	103

### SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall .....	420
Blanks .....	55

### TREASURER

Augustus G. Means .....	408
Blanks .....	67

### CONGRESSMAN (Sixth District)

William H. Bates .....	413
Blanks .....	62

## COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)

Arthur A. Thomson .....	382
Blanks .....	93

## SENATOR (Third Essex District)

Philip A. Graham .....	410
Charles K. Morrill .....	35
Blanks .....	30

2 REPRESENTATIVES IN  
GENERAL COURT

(Fifteenth Essex District)

Cornelius J. Murray .....	116
Herbert S. Tuckerman .....	175
Everett F. Haley .....	289
Richard W. Johnson .....	216
Blanks .....	154

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(Eastern District)

Hugh A. Cregg .....	338
Philip L. Sisk .....	94
Blanks .....	43

REGISTER OF PROBATE &  
INSOLVENCY (Essex County)

Richard J. White .....	360
Blanks .....	115

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Arthur A. Thompson .....	214
David Burns .....	62
William H. Haskell .....	121
Blanks .....	78

## COUNTY TREASURER

David D. Black .....	76
J. Everett Collins .....	123
Bertram V. Hawthorne .....	12
Leslie E. Luscombe .....	41
Earle H. Smith .....	105
Blanks .....	118

## DEMOCRATIC VOTE

## GOVERNOR

Robert F. Murphy .....	17
Francis E. Kelley .....	4
Blanks .....	0

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

James A. Burke .....	19
Blanks .....	2

## SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin .....	19
Blanks .....	2

## TREASURER

Clement A. Riley .....	8
William F. Carr .....	3
John F. Kennedy .....	9
Blanks .....	1

## AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley .....	20
Blanks .....	1

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

John F. Collins .....	18
Blanks .....	3

## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Foster Furcolo .....	13
John I. Fitzgerald .....	0
Joseph L. Murphy .....	5
Blanks .....	3

## CONGRESSMAN (Sixth District)

Andrew J. Gillis .....	12
John F. X. Gleason .....	8
Blanks .....	1

## COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)

Michael J. Batal .....	6
Joseph F. Bateman .....	2
William G. Hennessey .....	10
Mario J. Lucchesi .....	1
Blanks .....	2

## SENATOR (Third Essex District)

James P. Boyle .....	11
Leonard B. Murphy .....	7
Blanks .....	3

2 REPRESENTATIVES IN  
GENERAL COURT

(Fifteenth Essex District)

Stephen J. D'Arcy .....	1
Lawrence Lamson .....	1
Blanks .....	19

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

V. Frederick Sano .....	16
Blanks .....	5

REGISTER OF PROBATE &  
INSOLVENCY (Essex County)

John J. Costello .....	10
Frank E. Riley, Jr. ....	10
Blanks .....	1

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

John R. Ahern .....	10
Edmund F. Curley .....	8
Blanks .....	3

## COUNTY TREASURER

Thomas F. Duffy .....	18
Blanks .....	3

The polls were closed by Lawrence R. Stone, Member of the Board of Selectmen, at 8:00 P.M., and the results of the balloting announced at 9:05 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE

*Town Clerk*

# REPORT OF STATE ELECTION

## Held November 2, 1954

### TELLERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

Elmo O. Adams	Philip C. Hopkins
Jean T. Austin	Henry C. Jackson
Hazel M. Bray	Lawrence Lamson
Hazel E. Cram	Robert W. Poole
Jessie W. B. Cunningham	Edward J. Ready
James F. D'Arcy	Jetta W. Roberts
Katherine M. Day	Thomas A. Sargent
Alice E. Gillissen	Marion A. Thompson

Frank H. Tuck

*Town Clerk*

Francis H. Whipple

*Police*

Hugh C. Wentworth

The warrant was read and the polls opened at eight o'clock A.M. by Lawrence R. Stone, Member of the Board of Selectmen.

There were 1702 ballots cast, 1666 in person, 36 absentees; Men 844; Women 858. Counting of votes commenced at 1:00 P.M., as follows:

#### GOVERNOR

Christian A. Herter .....	1324
Robert F. Murphy .....	361
Lawrence Gilfedder .....	4
Guy S. Williams .....	0
Blanks .....	13

#### TREASURER

John F. Kennedy .....	373
Augustus G. Means .....	1306
Henning A. Blomen .....	2
Isaac Goddard .....	3
Blanks .....	18

#### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Sumner G. Whittier .....	1339
James A. Burke .....	337
Donald E. Babcock .....	2
Francis A. Votano .....	5
Blanks .....	19

#### AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley .....	517
William P. Constantinoll....	37
John B. Lauder .....	2
Anthony Martin .....	10
Blanks .....	36

#### SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin .....	456
Michael J. McCarthy .....	1186
Fred M. Ingersoll .....	16
William D. Ross .....	6
Blanks .....	38

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL

George Fingold .....	1297
John F. Collins .....	370
Howard B. Rand .....	4
Malcolm T. Rowe .....	5
Blanks .....	26



## SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall .....	1285
Foster Furcolo .....	397
Thelma Ingersoll .....	2
Harold J. Ireland .....	3
Blanks .....	15

## CONGRESSMAN (Sixth District)

William H. Bates .....	1458
Andrew J. Gillis .....	23
Blanks .....	23

## COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)

Arthur A. Thomson .....	1309
Michael J. Batal .....	334
Blanks .....	59

## SENATOR (Third Essey District)

Phillip A. Graham .....	1402
James P. Boyle .....	275
Blanks .....	25

REPRESENTATIVES IN  
GENERAL COURT

(Fifteenth Essex District)

Cornelius J. Murray .....	1372
Herbert S. Tuckerman .....	1188
Blanks .....	844

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(Eastern District)

Hugh A. Cregg .....	1312
V. Frederick Sano .....	345
Blanks .....	45

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND  
INSOLVENCY

(Essex County)

John J. Costello .....	452
Richard J. White, Jr. ....	1193
Blanks .....	57

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER

(Essey County)

Arthur A. Thompson .....	1270
John R. Ahern .....	374
Blanks .....	58

## COUNTY TREASURER

(Essex County)

Thomas F. Duffy .....	451
J. Everett Collins .....	1195
Blanks .....	56

## QUESTION NO. 1

A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES .....	1055
NO .....	460
BLANKS .....	187

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

YES .....	1050
NO .....	415
BLANKS .....	237

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES .....	1215
NO .....	297
BLANKS .....	190

## QUESTION NO. 2

A. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

YES .....	863
NO .....	620
BLANKS .....	219

B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

YES .....	790
NO .....	653
BLANKS .....	259

The polls were closed by Lawrence R. Stone, Member of the Board of Selectmen, at 8:00 P.M. The results of the balloting were announced at 11:05 P.M. November 2, 1954.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE

*Town Clerk*

## REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held in the High School Auditorium, December 15, 1954

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The Meeting was called at 8:00 P.M., but a count of the voters present by the Moderator and the Town Clerk showed that the necessary 200 voters to constitute a quorum were not present, and the opening was delayed pending a quorum being present.

Count of voters at 8:55 P.M. by the Moderator and the Town Clerk showed a quorum present and the meeting was declared open by the Moderator.

Invocation was offered by Rev. Halsey DeWolf Howe.

The Warrant was read by the Moderator and the meeting proceeded to act upon the articles contained therein.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to receive and consider the preliminary report of the School Building Needs Committee relative to its activities and investigations from March 1954 to the present time, with recommendations therein to meet the present and future school housing needs, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded that the Town accept the Preliminary Report of the School Building Needs Committee, and to consider its recommendations at this meeting, and that the Committee continue its duties and report to the Town at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the New England Development Corporation to erect for trial use by the Hamilton School Committee a two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School without cost to the Town, and in connection therewith to authorize the School Committee to enter into a contract with said Corporation for the purpose, among other things (1) to give the full use of the addition to the Town for school purposes without rent for six months, (2) to permit the Town to elect by vote at Town Meeting to purchase the addition at any time within said six months period for \$45,000., and (3) to require the said Corporation, if the Town does not elect to purchase the addition, to remove, without any cost to the Town, the addition at the end of said six months period and restore the premises to its original condition.

Moved by Mr. Allan MacCurrach and duly seconded that the Town authorize the New England Development Corporation to erect for trial use by the Hamilton School Committee a two room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School. This unit of two rooms will be built, furnished, and equipped without present cost to the Town, and in connection therewith to authorize the School Committee to enter into contract with said Corporation for the purposes, among other things, 1. To give full use of the addition to the town for school purposes for six months. 2. To permit the Town to elect by vote at Town Meeting to purchase the addition

at any time within said six months period for a sum not to exceed \$45,000., 3. And to require the said Corporation, if the Town does not elect to purchase the addition, to remove without any cost to the Town the addition at the end of said six months period and restore the premises to their original condition; and to agree to meet any other obligation as required by said School Committee.

Mr. Allan MacCurrach remarked that this article is definitely recommended by the School Building Needs Committee, and that they did not recommend spending one dollar of the tax payers money on the Jonathan Lamson School.

Mrs. Ruth Donaldson remarked that according to the report of the School Building Needs Committee that the population of the High School was as pressing as the Elementary School, or would be in a few years. She thought that some consideration should be given to additions to the High School on the High School plot to take care of future problems, and not just consider this present emergency.

Mr. Douglas A. Chandler remarked that he would like to make the whole problem clear to the meeting and at the same time answer Mrs. Donaldson's consideration. He wished to be disregarded as the Superintendent of Schools of Hamilton while speaking. He praised the fine work that the School Building Needs Committee had done on examining every possibility to overcome this problem, and that the Committee was well aware of this present emergency which would have to be solved step by step. He commented that this two room addition would be built, furnished and equipped without present cost to the Town for trial use by the Town for a six months period, and that if the Town did not elect to purchase the addition, that it would be removed without any cost to the Town; however, if this addition did prove satisfactory to the Town, it was guaranteed that by September of 1955, four rooms would be erected, which would solve the present school problem. He remarked in answer to Mrs. Donaldson that there was actually no room for additions on the High School plot, which consisted of four acres. That the State School Building Assistance Committee required a minimum of ten acres for a High School Building and our building is only on four. He remarked that the State School Building Assistance Committee also required a minimum of five acres plus one acre for every 100 pupils for elementary school plots and that our present elementary school plot consisted of nine acres, which enables room for additions. Mr. Chandler felt that the School Building Needs Committee had worked very hard and very diligently in the interest of the townspeople and this present emergency and that he highly recommended this article as a good thing for our Town.

Mr. Richard Johnson commented on the discussion of state aid in this present school problem.

Mr. John F. Neary remarked that because of the unusual nature of this contract that the state cannot guarantee state aid for such type of construction.

Mr. Allan MacCurrach remarked that practically the only other way to solve the present school problem would be to put the elementary school on

double sessions, and that the School Committee was not in favor of this at all. He thought that these units will be entirely satisfactory to the Town and that he did not see how the Town could afford to pass up this opportunity. He recommended that the Town at least try them out.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to remodel, refinish, and reequip the Jonathan Lamson School and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing purpose and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation or borrowing, by transfer of available funds or otherwise, or to do or act in any manner relevant thereto.

Moved by Mr. John F. Neary and duly seconded that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck with body and equipment for use in the collection and disposal of garbage by the Town, and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded that the Town purchase and acquire a truck and equipment to be used primarily for the collection and disposal of garbage by the Town, that the sum of \$4,000.00 be transferred from the excess and deficiency account therefor, and that the Board of Health, subject to applicable provisions of law, be and hereby is authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase.

Mr. Everett F. Haley remarked that the Board of Health does not look forward to the Town of Hamilton collecting its own garbage, but they feel that when our present contract runs out on January 22, 1955, that the cost of a renewal contract for garbage collection will increase tremendously. He expressed that the Board felt that in the future they could combine the project of garbage and rubbish collection together, and that under their own collection they can be readily contacted if someones garbage is not collected, as at the present time the Contractor resides out of town and he can not always be contacted. Haley then remarked that the Board did not like to have so many garbage complaints coming in to the Town Hall each day, and that he had spent half the summer months going around collecting garbage for people whom the Contractor missed in his collection. He commented that the Board thought that if the Town did not find this satisfactory after trying it out, that they could go back to private contract.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business Mr. Frederic Winthrop moved and it was duly seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 P. M., December 15, 1954.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

*Town Clerk.*



## 1954 BIRTHS RECORDED

- Susan Jean, daughter of Robert H. and Jean A. (Currier) Adams.  
 Ronald Francis, son of Guy F. and Herminia (Dominguez) Alleruzzo.  
 George Michael, son of George W. and Agens M. (Cassidy) Aylwin.  
 Marion Elise, daughter of Raymond H. and Dorothy G. (Severson) Baker.  
 Barbara Jean, daughter of John A. and Louise M. (Holland) Bick.  
 Sally Ann, daughter of Robert J. and Joan (Adams) Bilodeau.  
 Paul Eugene, son of Eugene F. and Barbara J. (Wood) Bohnwagner.  
 Wayne Edward, son of Calvin E. and Barbara E. (Kenney) Brewer.  
 Joanne, daughter of John R. and Ruth (Scott) Buckley.  
 Philip Andrew Coleman, son of Philip A. C. and Marguerite M. (Brophy) Bugler.  
 Susan Nadine, daughter of Robert L. and Vivian E. (Dodge) Burns.  
 Gordon Seth, son of Richard and Celia A. (Moore) Cameron.  
 Karen, daughter of Bruce A. and Barbara A. (Harrington) Carpenter.  
 Lee Marie, daughter of Lester D. and Shirley E. (Sillars) Chales.  
 William Gordon, son of Robert H. and Bette (Gass) Chittick.  
 James Andrew, son of Jakob O. and Virginia (Wallace) Christofferson.  
 Patricia Margaret, daughter of Rosario J. and Muriel B. (Pomfret) Cocuzza.  
 Marie Celeste, daughter of Thomas G. and Lucille R. (Pelletier) Condon.  
 Pamela Ann, daughter of Andrew N. and Shirley B. (Wilson) Condos.  
 Laurie Lee, daughter of Thomas E. and Eileen F. (Cronin) Crawford.  
 Margaret Ann, daughter of Neil T. and Margaret M. (Millerick) Crockett.  
 Cynthia Louise, daughter of H. Grant and Margaret Elizabeth (O'Brien) Crowell.  
 Camilla, daughter of George C. Jr. and Phyllis (Tuckerman) Cutler.  
 Kathleen Alice, daughter of John T. and Marion O. (Harding) Day.  
 Edward James, son of Louis G. and Mary A. (Everard) DeAngelis.  
 Geoffrey George, son of Lawrence L. and Mary-Jane (Gray) Denton.  
 Karen Lee, daughter of Donald S. and Gloria R. (Bellevue) Duclow.  
 Carol Ann, daughter of William L. and Eileen T. (Ambrose) Dougherty.  
 Catherine Mary, daughter of William L. and Eileen T. (Ambrose) Dougherty.  
 Henry Patrick, son of Henry E. and Catherine M. (Tierney) Doyle.  
 James Edward, son of Daniel A. and Barbara H. (Dahlboim) Dryer.  
 Marsha May, daughter of Roger S. and Marjorie M. (Whiting) Dunn.  
 Wayne Gary, son of Clifton R. and Thelma L. (Crofts) Durkee.  
 William DeWitt, son of William D. and Kathryn (Lundegren) Duryea.  
 Sandra Jean, daughter of Joseph and Lois (MacFadden) Eggleston.  
 Patricia Marie, daughter of Donald E. and Gloria J. (Sciamanna) Elario.  
 Lois Ann, daughter of Richard M. and Mary (Hurley) Emery.  
 Dean Lewis, son of Jay L. and Libuse (Melicharova) Farley.  
 Martha Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin F., Jr. and Viola (Bailey) Flanders.  
 Karl Gunnar, son of Earle S. and Elizabeth A. (Smith) Gadbois.  
 Patricia Gail, daughter of Stephen and Joan (McGeoghegan) Giera.

Margaret Louise, daughter of Eugene J. and Mary P. (McNees) Gorini.  
 Michele, daughter of Robert A. and Irene A. (Tabor) Greeley.  
 Anna May, daughter of Wayne A. and Anna M. (Eskelson) Grove.  
 Richard Fletcher, son of Julian C., Jr. and Marinell (Fletcher) Hammack.  
 Michael Glen, son of Richard H. and Priscilla J. (Carr) Hannon.  
 Andrea Howes, daughter of Clement F. and Audrey T. (Burnham) Hayes.  
 Deborah Menzies, daughter of Earl W. and Grace L. (Clark) Henderson.  
 David Wayne, son of James C. and Zelda J. (Hughes) Hopping.  
 Deborah, daughter of George B. and Virginia (Batcheller) Horne.  
 Gary Paul, son of Paul S. and Catherine (O'Neil) Ingham.  
 Cynthia Ann, daughter of Athill W. and Alice L. (Laffin) Irvine.  
 Karen Ardith, daughter of Robert D. and Claire A. (Boyd) Johnson.  
 Ronald Allister, son of Charles L. and Ruth E. (Murray) Johnson.  
 David Leigh, son of Leigh McClean and Sarah (Pauling) Keyser.  
 Jeanne Marie, daughter of Philip C. and Mary M. (Flanagan) Keyser.  
 , son of Floyd L. and Pola (Chung) Killam.  
 Barbara Luanne, daughter of Nelson D. and Rita (Chapman) Kingsley.  
 Timothy James, son of Richard E. and Ruth H. (Jackson) Knowlton.  
 Russell Armend, son of Earl R. and Paulina (Carlson) Langille.  
 John Vernon, III, son of John V. and Mary E. (Powers) Lawing.  
 Edmund Shackelford, son of Edmund S., 3rd., and Peggy E. (Wildie) Lee.  
 Margaret Ann, daughter of Harold F., Jr., and Mary M. (Reilly) Libby.  
 Laurie Gale, daughter of Wallace and Carol J. (Harris) Livingston.  
 Pamela Gayle, daughter of Robert G. and Elizabeth A. (Haywood) Love.  
 Jane Ellen, daughter of William F. and Eleanor (Robertson) MacKenzie.  
 Jayson Hamilton, son of Archibald J. and Ruth E. A. (Boisvert) Marshall.  
 Darcy Mitchell, son of Richard E. and Alice R. (Epstein) Morse.  
 Norine Linda, daughter of Fabian and Marie (Carlson) Mozdziez.  
 Marian, daughter of Cornelius J., Jr. and Patricia A. (McCarthy) Murray.  
 Arthur William, son of William C. and Deborah M. (Preston) Nakis.  
 Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Evelyn T. (Bowes) Pearse.  
 Thomas Burton, son of Raymond L. and Angela L. (Page) Perkins.  
 Connie Marie, daughter of Robert E. and Barbara F. (Costello) Porter.  
 Carolyn Marie, daughter of John W. and Carol M. (Holland) Rafter.  
 George Harold, Jr., son of George H. and Mary G. (Walton) Ricker.  
 Caroline Ward, daughter of Fielding P. and Virginia F. (LaChance) Rogers.  
 Claudia Ellen, daughter of George F. and Edith (Sharples) Ropes.  
 Jeffrey Dana, son of Harold B. and Joan A. (Benfield) Roy.  
 Derek Gerald, Jr., son of Derek G. and Penelope A. (Hawkings) Ryan.  
 Priscilla Austin, daughter of Austin F. and Mary E. (Hall) Ryder.  
 Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Edwin and Mary G. (Pooler) Sanders.  
 Donna Lee, daughter of James M. and Bella D. (Stone) Schofield.  
 Douglas John, son of Anthony C. and Irene T. (Sivias) Silva.  
 Elizabeth, daughter of Sydney A. and Helen Ruth (Cullity) Smith.  
 Elizabeth Brady, daughter of Philip W., Jr. and Sheila (Scott) Smith.  
 Ronald Stuart, son of Gary P. and Norma (Chaffee) Somers.  
 Janet Cressy, daughter of Gordon B. and Elizabeth S. (Cressy) Stensrud.  
 Richard Cutts, III, son of Richard C., Jr. and Mary S. (Kennedy) Storey.  
 Ford Laurie, son of Ford M. and Elizabeth (Hall) Sullivan.

Lee Ann, daughter of Albert L. and Shirley (Dupuis) Taylor.  
 Rhonda Carla, daughter of Ronald S. and Mildred E. (Tingley) Taylor.  
 Lawrence James, son of James H. and Janet L. (Walker) Thacher.  
 Arthur Eugene, son of Arthur Eugene and Martha E. (Lankford) Thompson.  
 Mark Stephen, son of Robert J. and Mildred (Young) Tobyne.  
 Charles Jerome, son of Charles O. and Ena W. (Gardiner) Trombley.  
 Paul Stuart, Jr., son of Paul S. and Theresa G. (D'Amato) Tucker.  
 Merton Stanley, 3rd, son of Merton S., Jr. and Janice (Worrall) Ward.  
 Earle Lyman, Jr., son of Earle L. and Dorothy L. (Roderick) Whitcomb.  
 Robert Moulton, son of Robert M. and June (Woodward) Wood.  
 Joseph Edward, son of Joseph W. and Lillian T. (Ellis) Yasi.  
 Clifford Alan, son of William L. and Nancy J. M. (Kakler) Zabriskie.

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## 1954 MARRIAGES RECORDED

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Joseph Gilman Allen of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
 Barbara Ann Carr of Beverly, Massachusetts

John Emory Bartlett of Danvers, Massachusetts  
 Geraldine Pierce of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Woodbury M. Bartlett of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
 Patricia Allen of Beverly, Massachusetts

Revere W. Brooks, Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
 Ione E. Story of Salem, Massachusetts

Charles T. Bucci of Beverly, Massachusetts  
 Barbara S. Bane of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Joseph Cannella of Beverly, Massachusetts  
 Mary (DiDonato) Clarizia of Beverly, Massachusetts

Howard M. Collyer of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
 Elizabeth M. Sonia of Salem, Massachusetts

Edward Samuel Dean of Beverly, Massachusetts  
 Ada Ann (Angers) MacKenzie of Beverly, Massachusetts

Dick de Jager of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
 Thelma Diana Mary King of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Bernard N. D'Eon of Evertt, Massachusetts  
 Louise M. Amirault of Hamilton, Massachusetts



James Robert Fanning of Danvers, Massachusetts  
Theresa Marie Maione of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Wilfred Henry Fraser of Salem, Massachusetts  
Mary Jane Pariseau of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Wilfred M. Fugere of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Hope (Buzzell) Whipple of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Wayne R. Gauthier of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Margaret E. Adams of Manchester, Massachusetts

Joseph R. Graham of Lowell, Massachusetts  
Eleanor F. Broughel of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Edward F. Ingraham of Marblehead, Massachusetts  
Mary R. Counihan of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Leigh M. Keyser of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Sarah S. Pauling of Beverly, Massachusetts

Gerald L. Killam of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Mary Mackenzie of Ipswich, Massachusetts

Roger J. LeBlanc of Danvers, Massachusetts  
Janice H. Thompson of Hamilton, Massachusetts

John James Lonngren of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Nancy Jane Moffett of Beverly, Massachusetts

Philip Mark Marcorelle of Ipswich, Massachusetts  
Eileen Philomena Holleran of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Laurence Clark Miller, Jr. of Ipswich, Massachusetts  
Janet Louise Maidment of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Philip B. Perkins of Ipswich, Massachusetts  
Nancy R. Spinney of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Edward James Phillips of Marblehead, Massachusetts  
Edith Marilyn Thompson of Wenham, Massachusetts

Paul J. Pooler of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Elsa (Gobzemis) Misins of Hamilton, Massachusetts

John Arthur Pritzlaff of Evanston, Illinois  
Mary Elizabeth Shaw of Saugus, Massachusetts

Edward Rauscher of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Barbara C. Ewing of Ipswich, Massachusetts

Charles Kelley Sassin, Jr. of Newport, Kentucky  
Beatrice Arvie Ricker of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Walter Louis Schweizer of Evanston, Illinois  
Mildred Laura Cook of Boston, Massachusetts

Philip P. Seakas of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Yvonne (Provencher) Davison of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Philip R. Smith, Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Martha Pearl Corson of Lynn, Massachusetts

Carlton E. Soper of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Barbara J. McDonald of Gloucester, Massachusetts

Dale Albion Spear of Milo, Maine  
Lee Diane Tremblay of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Eugene Louis Street of Salem, Massachusetts  
Mary Anne Harrigan of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Roger Taylor, Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Dora Saulnier of Ipswich, Massachusetts

Walter G. Tillson of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Sigrid C. Towers of Malden, Massachusetts

Lawrence E. Trefry of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Charlotte A. (Robertson) Poole of Lynn, Massachusetts

George V. Upton, 3rd of Hamilton, Massachusetts  
Carol G. Huntington of Fitchburg, Massachusetts

## 1954 DEATHS RECORDED

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Harold G. Aleen .....	58	2	17
Perley G. Anderson .....	76	7	24
Elsie Baggs .....	73	6	21
A. Louise Barror .....	36	7	2
Eugene H. Brackett .....	58		4
Janet E. (Smith) Burkhard .....	64	4	5
Charles Arthur Burns .....	78	11	10
Peter T. Burns .....	48		
Honora F. (Kelleher) Carroll .....	75	2	11
Grace (Curtis) Cronk .....	48		
William J. Daley .....	88		
Ann J. Densmore .....	83	9	20
Gertrude (Potter) Forbes .....	70		
Helen M. (Chisholm) Harding .....	47	9	11
Guy Pomeroy Haskell .....	39	1	21
Helen W. Hatt .....	66	9	21
Charles Albert Hill .....	90	6	21
Eber Jordan .....	72	9	12
Harold L. Knowlton .....	62	9	9
Frank Laski .....	78		
Arcade J. LeBlanc .....	71	6	10
Maud L. MacDonald .....	81		
Jesse S. Mann .....	80	9	18
Eliza A. (Hathorn) Martin .....	89	7	12
Ruth (Woodbury) Morrison .....	83	4	3
Marian Murray .....		5	13
Alvin L. Perley .....	79	10	29
Annie (Freeman) Poole .....	82		
Joseph Pref .....	29	9	18
Edward Harold Regan .....		4	27
Martha T. Robinson .....	74	5	24
Arthur W. Sawyer .....	92	2	21
R. Lenter Sewall .....	45	2	11
Henry Stone .....	84	7	3
Louisa L. Stone .....	95		
Edna May Towle .....	73		
Emily (Woodason) Tozier .....	56	11	28
Harry S. Wright .....	68	11	10

## JURY LIST FOR 1955

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Elmo O. Adams, 61 Plum Street, Retired  
 William F. Bell, 25 Orchard Road, Engineer  
 James W. Brown, 640 Bay Road, Caretaker  
 Donald O. Butman, 184 Essex Street, Caretaker  
 Donald H. Child, Forest Street, Clerk  
 Gerald W. Cleversey, 25 Moynihan Road, Engineer  
 Harry F. Clarke, 19 Mill Street, Purchasing Agent  
 Bernard F. Cooney, 113 School Street, Buyer  
 Harold F. Day, 222 Asbury Street, Accountant  
 Robert O. Dewar, 21 Maple Street, Clerk  
 Charles W. Dolliver, 54 Hamilton Avenue, Asst. Superintendent  
 Robert M. Dunn, 80 Union Street, Stonecutter  
 Warren R. Gray, 21 Garfield Avenue, Painter  
 Ralph T. Harrigan, 6 Pilgrim Road, Machinist  
 Gordon A. Hemenway, 33 Home Street, Mechanic  
 Daniel E. Hughes, 10 Lincoln Avenue, Draftsman  
 Cleaves K. Hutchinson, 12 Lake Drive, Greenskeeper  
 Harold M. Johnson, Jr., Perkins Avenue, Television Repairman  
 Edgar Letalien, 44 Sagamore Road, Foreman  
 Virginia Lougee, 15 Lincoln Avenue, Housewife  
 Raymond D. Mailhoit, 61 Maple Street, Proprietor  
 Fred C. Morris, 44 Garfield Avenue, Janitor  
 Cornelius J. Murray, Jr., 264 Bay Road, Clerk  
 Alfred H. Nickerson, 110 Linden Street, Machinist  
 Morley L. Piper, 40 Orchard Road, Newspaper  
 Julius G. Pisani, 87 Cutler Road, Accountant  
 Philip S. Plummer, 16 Arlington Street, Superintendent  
 Harold E. Porter, Waldingfield Road, Auto Dealer  
 Elmer H. Smith, 56 Rust Street, Engineer  
 Nataline H. Smith, 601 Bay Road, Housewife  
 Roland S. Stone, 259 Bridge Street, Machinist  
 Marion A. Thompson, 10 Prospect Street, Housewife  
 Robert H. Trussell, Bay Road, Contractor  
 John T. Walke, 974 Bay Road, Superintendent  
 Harry E. Williams, 175 Linden Street, Engineer  
 C. Donald Woodman, 409 Essex Street, Machinist

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith submit their nineteenth annual report of the Water Department.

The Department laid 1,330 feet of 6" Century pipe under the Extension of Mains program. 780 feet laid on Linden Street and 550 feet on Chestnut, including the installation of two hydrants.

The constant expanding of our distribution system involves the addition of more homes to be serviced, which requires more water to be pumped. Therefore, it is reasonable to assume that a larger source of supply should be considered.

The continual building of new homes has required the installation of sixty services during the year, bring our total up to 1116.

In accordance with the vote at our last annual Town Meeting we have purchased a Model T-55 Lindsay Air Compressor. This piece of equipment has exhibited excellent performance on all occasions that it has been used.

During the hurricanes of last summer our contentital gasoline standby pump maintained an uninterrupted supply of water during the absence of electric power.

As the water system is now in its sixteenth year, we are starting to check the original meters and make any repairs that are needed.

We wish to thank the residents of the Town of Hamilton, and all the Town Departments for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON L. THOMPSON, Chairman  
GEORGE A. HARRIGAN  
RICHARD H. SMITH

## REPORT OF THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT

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*To the Board of Water Commissioners:*

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Water Department for the year 1954.

This department laid 780 ft. of Keasbey Mattison 6 inch water pipe on Linden Street to the corner of Woodside Road. A connection was made there to the existing 6 inch pipe on Woodside Road. With the completion of this connection we now have two mains supplying Highland Street area. One Ludlow Hydrant was installed on Linden Street to give fire protection to that vicinity.

There are at present 1,116 services in town which consumed approximately 61,890,000 gallons of water in 1954. During the summer months we have had a daily demand for a brief period of 350,000 gallons. Considering that the total delivery of the wells is only 400,000 gallons daily, when these conditions prevail the town's water supply is in a critical condition in case of a serious fire.

The usual operations which pertain to the operation of a water department have been carried on as in the past, including the installation of 60 new services.

Owing to the wet season of 1954 the consumption of water decreased as figures will indicate.

1954

Total gallons pumped	Old Station	33,627,000
Total gallons pumped	New Station	28,263,400
	Total	61,890,400
Daily average consumption		169,535
Total gallons pumped		65,606,100
Daily average consumption		179,715

### WATER ANALYSIS — PARTS PER MILLION

Collection October 7, 1954

No.	405381 (Old Station)	405382 (New Station)
Turbidity	2	1
Sediment	0	0
Color	5	3
Odor-Cold	0	0
Hardness	36	290
Alkalinity—M.O. phth	22.	44.
ph	6.4	6.6
Iron	.10	.01

The new air compressor which was purchased this year has demonstrated its usefulness when, during the hurricane, it was connected to the air tank at the fire station to maintain a constant air pressure to operate the fire alarm in case of fire. The Highway and Cemetery Departments have had the use of this machine whenever needed. The Park Department has had the use of the Dodge truck to transport mowers and materials.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Superintendent of Highways for the use of his trucks and bulldozer, to the Fire and Cemetery Departments for the use of their generator lighting units during the hurricane. The tree Department has assisted in the removing of snow from hydrants and loaned the use of their truck and men. The above in brief is an example of the cooperation I have received during my years as Superintendent of the Water Department from the various town departments.

I wish to thank the Water Board for the cooperation extended to me which has made a pleasant year for me as your Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

*Superintendent, Water Department*

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## REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report of the Department of the Sealer of Weights and Measurers for the year ending December 31, 1954.

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Not Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Scales:				
Over 10,000 lbs.		2		
100 to 5,000 lbs.		8	1	
Under 100 lbs.	3	24		
Weights:				
Avoirdupois		19		
Volumetric Measures:				
Liquid under 1 Gallon		6		
Automatic Liquid				
Measuring Devices:				
Gasoline		18	2	
Kerosene, oil, grease		6		
Vehicle Tank Meters		5		

Respectfully submitted,

ERVING O. MAXWELL,

*Sealer.*



# TOWN OF HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

Pursuant to a vote at the Annual Town Meeting in 1954, the Moderator appointed this Committee to study the advisability of the formation of a department in the nature of a public works department for Hamilton and to report with recommendations at the Annual Town Meeting in 1955. This Committee recommends that the Selectmen be instructed to include in the Warrant for the 1955 Annual Town Meeting the following Article:

“To see if the town will vote to place on the official ballot at the 1956 Annual Town Election the following question:

Shall sections sixty-nine C to sixty-nine F, inclusive, of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other departments and town officers be accepted?”

As a basis for this report, this Committee held seven meetings, examined the applicable laws and interviewed representatives of Hamilton's five service departments referred to below, reviewed the report rendered in 1951 by a Hamilton committee mentioned below, studied reports of other towns with public works departments and in which public works departments have been proposed, consulted with representatives of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Association, circulated a draft of this report among representatives of the town's five service departments and certain other citizens of the town and invited their criticism at an open meeting.

A procedure for creating a Public Works Department, for any town which desires such a department, has been established by a general law (Chapter 101 of the Acts of 1953). The law provides two steps in the adoption machinery. First, the town meeting must vote in favor of placing the question on the ballot at the next annual town election. Second, if the 1955 vote is favorable, the question will be put on the ballot in 1956. If a majority of the votes cast in 1956 favor a Public Works Department, it will take effect after the 1957 annual town election at which time the three Public Works Commissioners will be elected.

Hamilton now has five service departments which could be merged into a Public Works Department, namely: the Cemetery; Highways; Parks; Tree; and Water.

### *Cemetery Department:*

The Cemetery Department is operated by a board of three Cemetery Commissioners who are elected by the voters of the town for staggered three-year terms. They appoint a Superintendent who cares for the ceme-

tery with the help of one or more part-time employees. This Department occasionally receives help and equipment from other departments.

#### *Highways Department:*

The Highway Department is operated by a Highway Surveyor who is elected each year by the voters. He has the exclusive control of the ordinary repair of public ways. He is assisted by five full-time and two part-time employees, except for such additional help as is required for snow removal operations. This Department is the largest of the five service departments, being responsible for the expenditure of more than one-third of a total budget of about \$80,000 for all five departments. Its principal functions are street surfacing, repairing, drainage and snow removal.

#### *Park Department:*

This Department is operated by a three-man Board of Park Commissioners, elected by the voters for staggered three-year terms. They in turn appoint a Superintendent of Parks. Under the Superintendent are two part-time employees. The Park Commissioners also employ a clerk, two full-time instructors and one part-time instructor to operate playgrounds during the summer. This Department is concerned with the maintenance and operation of Patton, Cutler and Roosevelt Avenue Parks and Soldier's Green, the school grounds and, during the summer, Walsh's Park at Chebacco Lake bathing area. It occasionally receives the help of men and equipment from the other departments.

#### *Tree Department:*

The Tree Warden is elected by the town each year and has one full-time assistant. At present the Tree Warden also serves as Moth Superintendent, an office to which he is appointed annually by the Selectmen. This Department is responsible for care of town trees and moth control. Like the Cemetery and Park Departments, it is small and has periodic requirements for additional manpower and equipment, as after the recent hurricanes.

#### *Water Department:*

This Department is under the control of the Board of Water Commissioners (a three-man board elected for staggered three-year terms), and is operated by a superintendent appointed by the Board. It is responsible for the town's system of water supply and distribution. All revenue from the sale of water is deposited in the town's general funds. Operating expenses are met by annual appropriations. Under the direction of the Water Commissioners there are a Superintendent, an assistant superintendent, a clerk and one part-time laborer.

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The foregoing division of authority and responsibility follows the old town government tradition of avoiding a concentration of power and encouraging wider participation in town government by a greater number of citizens. However, many towns, as they grow in size, have come to the conclusion that they would like to try for increased efficiency in operation.

The General Laws of Massachusetts now permit the vesting of the powers of the five independent service departments in the board of selectmen or in one board of public works exercising the powers of the separate service departments.

If Hamilton should vote to create a Public Works Department, the Cemetery, Highway, Park, Tree and Water Departments would cease to exist as independent departments. The town could elect a three-man board of public works, serving staggered three-year terms, which would exercise all the powers and duties of the old boards. In addition, it would exercise such powers and duties of other boards and offices, reasonably related to a public works department, as the town may fix by by-law. The new board would appoint a Superintendent, who by law must be fitted by education, training and experience, to exercise and perform such of the powers and duties of the board as it may designate. He would hold office subject to the will of the board, and during his term he could hold no other office, nor any other job. If the town should so choose, it could also vote to have the Selectmen act as the board of public works, but this is not recommended by the Committee. The law also provides that the town may after the expiration of three years from the establishment of a Public Works Department abolish the Department by majority vote at an annual town meeting.

After the Annual Town Meeting in 1949, a committee was appointed to study the services rendered to the people by the several departments and commissions of Hamilton for the purpose of determining what economies in operation or administration could be affected by consolidation. That committee made a very painstaking report in 1951 strongly recommending that Hamilton combine public works functions into a single department. It was stated in that report that the independent service departments use special materials and equipment, require engineering and other technical supervision and make use of a relatively large number of manual laborers, and that because they have these factors in common they should be combined as a single operating service. This 1954 Committee agrees that such a combination would be in the best interest of the town.

Under a Public Works Department, the town could set up a single pool of versatile men suited to perform a wide variety of tasks and able to concentrate a large force on any problem without delay or inefficiency. All the departments are subject to a certain amount of seasonal fluctuation in activity, and the peaks and valleys do not always coincide. The Cemetery, Park and Tree Departments' peak activity is in the spring and summer months, while plowing and sanding are an extra wintertime burden for the Highway Department. The present department heads are ingenious in finding ways of keeping their men employed, but this Committee feels that any one of the present department heads could do an even better job if he had the whole range of all the service departments available to him.

In the use of equipment, there are also opportunities for economy and improved efficiency. One effect of departmentalization is that the departments sometimes acquire equipment they can't use to best advantage

all of the time. If they conscientiously refrain from asking for special equipment because they can't keep it fully employed, they may be compelled to perform many operations with inadequate equipment and consequent over-expenditure of manpower. At present there is no board or officer with the authority to make the necessary decisions as to purchases, or to bring about full and free transfers of men and equipment between departments. Department heads can hardly be expected to take the same objective view of the priority of projects in other departments that an over-all administrator would take.

Some saving might be accomplished in centralized purchase of supplies. And it is reasonable to expect that in a centralized equipment pool the job of maintenance could be handled more efficiently and economically.

Complete records would be kept by the Public Works Superintendent and a clerk in a central office at the Town Hall, and full reports of all operations could be rendered periodically and a summary published annually. The existence of such a central office with complete records would tend to promote more efficiency and would also be a great convenience to town officials and others who desire information concerning the work, administration or plans of the town in the public works field. At present such information is usually obtained only by consulting the several superintendents or commissioners of the independent service departments at their various headquarters or homes. Furthermore, with adequate records and a central authority dedicated to finding the most efficient operating plan for Hamilton, more effective and intelligent study could be given to long-range physical planning problems.

A board of public works would be under pressure to cut costs and improve efficiency more than any one of the service departments because its share of the total tax bill would be proportionately larger. The Superintendent would be required to furnish each year upon request of the board a carefully prepared and detailed budget. However, this committee does not expect that adoption of a public works department would produce a reduction in the total expenses of the present service departments, which in 1954 budgeted at about \$80,000.

We think that the effect of consolidation would be increased efficiency and service, rather than reduced expense. Greater efficiency, however, would enable the town to meet increasing demands for service as the town grows. It is significant that in a high proportion of towns of all sizes with public works departments, increased efficiency has been reported.

This Committee considered the possibility of consolidating a few but not all of the independent service departments at this time. It was thought, however, that the principal advantages outlined in this report would not be obtained by such a partial consolidation. Furthermore, it was felt that if a Public Works Department is ever to be formed, the reorganization could be accomplished more easily within the next few years rather than at some later time when the independent service departments may have expanded considerably with the growth of the town. There are enough opportunities for improvement by the establishment of a Public Works Department to entitle the voters of the town to decide the question by ballot.



In the event that the town should vote in 1956 to establish a board of public works, Chapter 101 of the Acts of 1953 also stipulates that the town may, from time to time, by by-law provide that the board shall have additional powers with respect to furnishing of engineering services, the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse, the maintenance and repair of town buildings and property, and the performance of duties of any other boards, departments and offices of the town as may be reasonably related to the duties and responsibilities of a board of public works. This Committee believes that the proposed board should not be required to perform such additional duties for at least a year or two after it is established.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Public Works Department

W. WHITNEY LUNDGREN, *Chairman*  
JOHN A. BICK, JR.  
LAWRENCE LAMSON  
PAUL F. PERKINS, JR.  
G. GORDON LOVE, dissenting

#### REPORT OF DISSENTING MEMBER

While all members of this Committee are in general agreement that there are certain attractive features in a Public Works type organization, the undersigned dissents from the majority recommendation that such a change is necessary and desirable at this time.

It does not appear that the Town's present size or probable rate of increase in population warrants such change in the immediate future. We are at present receiving good service at reasonable cost and inter-department cooperation exists so that waste and duplication are generally avoided. A Public Works Department would initially increase costs and possible benefits would not be apparent for some time.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that our present basic Town Government form, with its close, direct relationship between the voter and his Town Officials, should be retained as long as our size will permit.

G. GORDON LOVE

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Board of Park Commissioners herewith submit their report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954.

The playground opened on June 28th and closed Friday, Aug. 28th. Total registration for the season was 297 with a daily average attendance of 90. We feel this average very gratifying considering the inclement weather which prevailed throughout the summer.

The usual main events of the season were carried out and thoroughly enjoyed. The Mother's Club picnic was held on July 6th. In addition to this the children had three other days at the beach.

The Beatrice Ayer Patton fireplace at the Park was used for two cook-outs and also for the closing Weenie roast held on Aug. 25th.

In addition to the regular activities which included Girls' soft ball, Baseball for Boys with out of town competition, Badminton, Croquet, Ping Pong, Checkers and Archery, the children enjoyed a Scavenger Hunt on July 15th and a Field Day on July 27th. Great enthusiasm was also shown in Tennis this year.

On Aug. 25th Mr. Lougee of the Park Board awarded ribbons won during the year for Athletic, Hand work and other Program activities.

The local Legion Post kindly furnished transportation for the annual trip to Canobie Lake.

In addition to the care of Patton Park we maintained Soldiers Green, Manassah Cutler Park, Roosevelt Ave., Park, the Robert Walsh Park at Chebaco Lake, and all school grounds. This was accomplished under the supervision of Mr. James Goodrich.

The new Toilet facilities at Patton Park are ready for use and should prove to be a great asset during the coming season.

We should like to again thank A. P. Gardner Post American Legion for the use of their amplifier system for use at the Skating Rink, also the Town Officials, all other Town Departments, and the citizens of the Town for all their Co-operation in making this past year most successful.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. HOPKINS

RAY M. SANFORD

ALBERT P. LOUGEE

*Park Commissioners.*

## REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

GENTLEMEN:

As Building Inspector, appointed by you, I herewith wish to submit my report for the year 1954, in accordance with the Protective By-Law of the Town of Hamilton.

I have issued ninety-four (94) permits as follows:

New Dwellings	40
Garages	21
Additions	26
Remodelling	2
Poultry Houses	2
Storage Shed	1
Toilet Structure	1
Greenhouse	1
	(Total 94)

Three of the above permits were referred to the Appeal Board for their consideration and approval.

At this time may I express my appreciation to all those who have assisted me with my new duties, and for the full-hearted cooperation of the applicants.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK W. BUZZELL,

*Building Inspector*

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## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

The Cemetery Commissioners submit herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Thirty-two interments were cared for by the Superintendent.

Twelve family size lots and six single graves were sold.

Eight Perpetual care Endowments were received.

Because of the requests we have received to build four grave lots this project will be started in 1955 and a sum of money will be asked to be transferred at the annual Town Meeting from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund.

The cooperation we have received from all the Town departments is greatly appreciated.

We thank our Superintendent, Philip S. Plummer, who has performed his duties so conscientiously.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE, Chairman

LAWRENCE C. FOSTER

JOHN T. WATKE



## FINAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

The School Building Committee wishes to report the completion of the project entrusted to it at the Special Town Meeting of November 13, 1950. The Manasseh Cutler School and additional facilities at the High School, including the Memorial Gymnasium, have been in use since December 1952, and have proved, on the whole, satisfactory. The additional work entrusted to us at the Annual Town Meeting of 1954 has been accomplished. The School Building Assistance Commission has processed the application for reimbursements and payments have been received by the Town.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Douglas A. Chandler. His patient and assiduous help has been invaluable throughout our association with him. We also wish to express our great appreciation of the splendid work done by Mrs. Alfred Edmondson on the preparation of the request for reimbursement. It was a trying task very well done. Our thanks also go to the Town Clerk, Mr. Francis H. Whipple, and to the Town Treasurer, Mr. Walfred B. Sellman, for their assistance on this project, and to all the Town officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

FINLAY D. MACDONALD, Chairman  
RUTH DONALDSON, Secretary  
STANDISH BRADFORD  
FORRESTER A. CLARK  
G. GORDON LOVE

*School Building Committee.*

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

The Librarian's report for 1954 indicates a healthy over-all increase of approximately 3,000 in book circulation for the town's libraries. Much credit for this increase must be attributed to the cooperation of the Librarian, Mrs. Fred H. Brown, and the Friends of the Library in supplying and delivering to the schools of the town carefully selected volumes for supplementary reading. This involves for those concerned a considerable voluntary effort, but has been undertaken to bring to the attention of pupils and teachers the resources of the library and to stimulate outside reading. Because of the work involved, it is doubtful if such a program can be continued indefinitely, and it is therefore hoped by the Trustees that the school faculty will urge upon the young people the importance and benefits of using the library facilities and developing regular library habits.

The Trustees and townspeople alike have been concerned over the recent illness of our much-beloved veteran Librarian, Mrs. Alvin L. Perley. It is a pleasure to report that Mrs. Perley is improving steadily and may soon be able to resume her duties at the Branch Library. In the interim, Mrs. Richard L. Wiggin has been substituting very capably, and the Trustees are grateful for her assistance.

During 1954, the Branch Library in South Hamilton was thoroughly renovated, and public reaction has been gratifying. The room was repainted in cheerful colors and shelving was rearranged for increased space and convenience. Here, again, the work of the Friends of the Library in moving and returning the books to the shelves was noteworthy, and represented a saving in expense to the town. It might be added with reference to the Branch Library, because it is no longer a secret, that the need for increased Post Office space in South Hamilton poses a serious problem for the town. Out library space is currently under consideration in this regard, and although no decisions have yet been made, it is conceivable that a difficult library housing situation may arise shortly. Your Trustees are studying ways to meet such an eventuality, should it arise.

The Trustees are grateful to the members of the Book Selection Committee, and cannot overemphasize their dependence upon, and appreciation of the work of the Friends of the Library. Not only has this group, under the sponsorship of the P.T.A., helped to increase book circulation, and contributed to the work of Branch Library improvement, but members have worked on library displays, story-telling hours, and the current project of preparing essential shelf lists for both libraries. Members of this group to whom the Trustees wish to extend their thanks are Mrs. Alan Kay, Mrs. Thomas J. Britton, Mrs. Richard C. Taylor, Mrs. William M. Foley, Mrs. Leonard R. Heurlin, Mrs. Edward W. McGuinness, Mrs. Leonard J. Franson, and Mrs. John F. Neary.

May we add a final word of appreciation for the splendid cooperation of the Librarians, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Perley, and Mrs. Wiggin. Mrs. Brown, in assuming the duties handled over so many years by our former Librarian, Mrs. Lydia Haraden, has made it clear that the town is very fortunate to have her services.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. NEARY  
SARAH H. TRUSSELL  
MELVIN F. REED

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

### *To the Trustees of the Public Library:*

Herewith is presented the Annual Report for 1954.

During the year the Library acquired 600 new volumes, of which 405 were distributed to the Main Library and 195 to the Branch. Circulation of books has increased at the Main, but an exact comparison is not possible due to the period the library was closed in 1953. The Branch, however, has had a light loss in circulation.

The Librarian wishes to thank the P.T.A. and the Friends of the Library who jointly inaugurated a program of distributing books to the classes of both the Elementary School and the High School. It is hoped that this program will stimulate the interest of both teachers and pupils in what the Library has to offer.

A detailed summary of the circulation records is attached.

#### Main Library

Adult fiction	2109	
Adult non-fiction	935	
Adult periodicals	697	
Total Adult		3741
Juvenile fiction	2611	
Juvenile non-fiction	524	
Juvenile periodicals	42	
Total Juvenile		3177
Total Main		6918

#### Branch Library

Adult fiction	3835	
Adult non-fiction	665	
Adult periodicals	540	
Total Adult		5040
Juvenile fiction	1079	
Juvenile non-fiction	133	
Total Juvenile		1212
Total Branch		6252

Total Library Circulation

13,170

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE BROWN, Librarian

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

The Assessors are pleased to submit their annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1954.

In order that you may visualize at a glance how our town is growing we are showing directly below comparative figures as of January 1, for the past four (4) years:

	1951	1952	1953	1954
Total Valuation	\$6,605,585.	\$6,903,155.	\$7,377,925.	\$8,014,920.
Number of Buildings	1,100	1,156	1,231	1,351
Number of Polls Assessed	950	1,023	1,085	1,178

It is not anticipated that the ensuing year (1955) will show the same relative percentage of increase.

### DETAILED REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1954

Value of Buildings	\$5,923,650.00	
Value of Land	1,468,190.00	
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Total Value Real Estate	\$7,391,840.00	
Value of Personal Estate	623,080.00	
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Total Valuation		\$8,014,920.00
Tax Rate \$42.00 per Thousand.		
Tax on Real Estate	\$310,457.28	
Tax on Personal Estate	26,169.36	
Tax on Polls. 1178 at \$2.00	2,356.00	
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Total Taxes Assessed		\$338,982.64

### 1954 RECAPITULATION

EXPENDITURES		
Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$482,771.99	
State Tax and Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations	1,036.58	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	764.25	
County Tax and Assessments:		
County Tax	18,219.30	
Tuberculosis Hospital	5,469.72	
Overlay for the current year	10,347.73	
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Gross amount to be raised		\$518,609.57

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Veterans' Benefits	\$1,000.00
Income Tax	35,084.16
Corporation Tax	23,394.34

Reimbursement a/c Publicly owned land	5,853.76
Old Age Tax (meals)	1,040.05
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax	34,000.00
Licenses	2,000.00
Special Assessments (moth)	911.30
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Health and Sanitation	500.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for dependent children)	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal grants)	18,000.00
Schools	8,400.00
Public Service Enterprises (water)	25,000.00
Cemetery (Trust funds and sale of lots)	900.00
Interest on taxes and assessments	300.00
Over Estimates of previous years:	
County Tax	438.40
Tuberculosis Hospital	254.92
Amount taken from available funds	20,000.00
Tax Receipts from 1954 Assessments	338,982.64

Gross Receipts

\$518,609.57

## LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

Horses and Ponies	104
Cows (milch)	201
Bulls-Oxen-Heifers	139
Yearlings	38
Sheep	50
Fowl	750

NUMBER OF PERSONS AND  
CORPORATIONS ASSESSED

Real Estate only	1,262
Personal Estate only	259
Real and Personal Estate	87

## LAND AND BUILDINGS ASSESSED

Acres of land	6,694
Buildings	1,351

The Assessors will be glad to meet, by appointment, any tax payer who may wish to confer with them relative to the assessment on their property. Our records are available for inspection by any citizen of the town who may wish to obtain information relative to the operation of this department.

This office should be advised of the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle in order that the excise tax may be adjusted.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. CHITTICK  
ELMO O. ADAMS  
ARTHUR L. BENNETT

Board of Assessors.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

### GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 35, of the General Laws, I hereby submit my annual report of the Treasury Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1954.

### TREASURER CASH

Receipts	\$391,224.90	
Payments	177,204.12	
		\$214,020.78
Cash	\$4,780.04	
Beverly Trust Co.	194,611.30	
Merchants National	5,366.65	
Day Trust Co.	9,262.79	
		\$214,020.78

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to not only the town officials, but also to the many persons who have assisted me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALFRED B. SELLMAN  
*Town Treasurer*



# TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

In Account with the Town of Hamilton

Year	Tax	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1954	Refunds	Abate- ments Rescinded	Collected	Abate- ments	Trans- ferred to Tax Title	Un- collected
1953	Real Estate	\$10,393 91	\$2 00		\$10,127 11	\$268 80	None	None
1953	Personal Property	828 45	None		760 20	68 25	None	None
1953	Motor Excise	4,273 63						
1953	Ex. Commitments in 1954	3,289 25	449 20	2 00	6,308 22	1,706 25		None
	<i>1954 Commitments</i>							
1954	Real Estate	\$310,474 08	471 45	....	\$294,486 27	7,534 80	67 20	8,857 26
1954	Personal Property	26,169 36	1 69		24,673 11	354 90		1,143 04
1954	Moth	911 30	7 15		910 25			8 20
1954	Polls	2,356 00	4 00	4 00	1,992 00	372 00		None
1954	Motor Excise	44,514 39	830 93	2 15	37,991 34	3,708 80		3,647 33
1954	Water Rates Balance	2,669 45		Liens				
1954	Water Rates Commitments	29,534 97	48 20	93 00	29,015 73	239 59		2,908 30
1954	Water Services Balance	264 30						
1954	Services Commitments	1,169 20	22 17		1,281 67			174 00
1954	Cemetery Balance	148 50						
1954	Cemetery Commitment	483 00			467 00	5 00		159 50
1954	Water Liens	93 00						
1954	Liens Registry charge	3 00			47 10			48 90

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. CROWELL, Town Collector.



## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:*

The Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The Department responded to 62 alarms during the year.

The amount of hose laid:  $\frac{3}{4}$ "—3150 feet;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "—500 feet.

The amount of water used from booster tanks was 4600 gallons.

150 feet of  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " house and 3  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " fog nozzles were purchased.

We feel the 1929 G.M.C Truck should be replaced by a Ford F 750 152 H.P. with a 50 ft. power aerial ladder. The ladder can be set for use in two minutes by one man. This truck would have a 500 gallon booster tank and pump. Also carry hose, the lighting unit, inhalator and other equipment.

### ALARMS FOR 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Dist. No.</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Owner</i>
Jan. 13	23	Auto,	Meyer Road	
15	31	Chimney,	Gifford, Vernon Pollard	
17	31	Cottage,	Asbury Grove, J. H. Brown	
18	23	Rubbish,	Main Street, Est. Donald Trussell	
22	3-3-3	Building,	Porter Street, Wenham	
24	31	Inhalator		
29	21	Tree,	Cummings Street, Town of Hamilton	
Feb. 1	21	Oil Burner,	Railroad Avenue, Myron Clark	
8	21	Rescue a cat		
20	24	Grass,	Gardner Street, W. W. Bancroft	
20	31	Inhalator		
21	3-3-3	Grass,	Walnut Road, Wenham	
24	31	Grass & Brush,	Off Asbury Street, Shaw McKean	
27	23	Rescue a dog,	Main Street	
Mar. 6	21	Grass,	Maple Street, George Thibodeault	
7	14	Grass,	Essex Street, John Mann	
10	21	Grass,	Maple Street, Raymond Mailhoit	
10	41	Grass,	Leigh Road, J. H. Brondle	
16	31	Chimney,	Washington Avenue, Edward Hopping, Jr.	
19	13	Grass & Brush,	Knowlton Street, Carrie Dodge	
21	24	Grass,	Gardner Street, F. P. Sears, Jr.	
22	12	Hay,	Bridge Street, Forrester Clark	
24	23	Grass & Brush,	Meyer Road, J. E. Hall	
26	31	Grass & Brush,	Arthur Ave., Fred Little	
26	25	Grass & Brush,	Cutler Road, Est. Col. Colby	
26	14	Grass & Brush,	Echo Cove Road, Est. Father Sullivan	
28	31	Grass,	Topsfield Road, Mabel Cole	

April	3	21	Grass & Brush, Walnut Road, Ralph Porter
	3	23	Inhalator
	4	21	Grass, Bay Road, Pearl Berrett
	5	12	Inhalator
	12	31	Grass & Brush, Moynihan Road, Gladys Mann
	13	31	Truck, Arthur Ave., Town of Hamilton
	14	34	Brush, Highland Street, Frederick Winthrop
	17	24	False
	18	21	Leaky Refrigerator
	20	23	Brush, Meyer Road, R. L. Vassar
May	1	41	Auto, Highland Street
	1	13	Leak in Gasoline Tank, Essex Street, Bartlett Gardens
	9	21	House, Park Street, Ralston Pickering
	18	24	Pumped out cellar, Moulton Street
	24	23	Pumped out cellar, Bay Road
June	4	23	Oil Burner, Bay Road, Percival Whipple
	15	41	Oil Burner, 15 Leigh Road, Wenham
	18	14	Hay, Essex Street, Harlan Clock
July	31	21	Rescue a cat
Aug.	6	32	Brush, Off Highland Street, Sumner Pingree
	7	21	Wires shorted in Trees, Cummings Street, Town
	31	31	Cottage, Asbury Grove Corporation
	31	24	Chimney, Bay Road, Charles Dodge
Sept.	10	23	Inhalator
	13	21	Rescue a dog, Hamilton Avenue
	27	21	Auto, Hamilton Avenue
Oct.	4	21	Inhalator
	5	12	Dump, Off Bridge Street, Mrs. Wallace Knowlton
	21	31	Auto, Topsfield Road
	24	21	Rubbish, Pine Street, Clifton Sibley
	26	31	Chimney, Mudge Avenue, C. H. Cormier
Nov.	13	34	Brush, Goodhue Street, D. W. Hawkins
	18	41	House, Lake Drive, Earl Gadbois
	19	23	Gas Stove, Bay Road, F. H. Burr
	24	24	Chimney, Sagamore Street, Clifford Roberts

We express our appreciation to all departments and to others who may have assisted the Fire Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, *Chief*  
 RUDOLPH H. HARADEN  
 HAROLD G. DODD

*Fire Engineers.*

## REPORT OF HAMILTON PLANNING BOARD

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The Protective or Zoning By-Law adopted by the Town of Hamilton in 1954 has been in effect for approximately one year. This is a very short time in which to test the serviceability of a new law, and is usually the most difficult period of administration. The administration of the Protective By-Law has been ably carried out by the Building Inspector and the members of the Board of Appeals. On behalf of the citizens of Hamilton, the Planning Board thanks those who have so unselfishly and successfully performed the difficult task of interpreting and enforcing this new By-Law.

The purpose of the By-Law is to promote the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the inhabitants of Hamilton by dividing the Town into Districts and regulating the use and construction of buildings in order to encourage the most appropriate use of land in the Town. In order that this purpose may conform to the desires of the majority of the Hamilton residents, the Planning Board welcomes their written or oral suggestions on future changes and improvements that might be made in this By-Law.

During the past year, the Planning Board has worked on numerous and varied subdivision problems. The Board is pleased to report a growing tendency in the town to landscape new developments and to increase the size of the lots used for building purposes from the minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet or more than an acre. The continuation of these trends will help to preserve the country atmosphere which makes Hamilton such an attractive town.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. MORROW, *Chairman*  
GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR., *Clerk*  
HENRY J. GOURDEAU  
M. KEITH LANDER  
FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

I herewith submit my report of the Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Necessary patching and maintenance work was carried on throughout the year. Several streets were oiled to protect the surface from breaking up. Progress was continued on draining, grading, and oiling gravel roads. Catch basins were cleaned and guard rails repaired and painted. Chapter 90 Maintenance Work was carried over to next spring, at which time a drainage system is to be installed on Bridge Street.

The Sidewalk program was carried on continuing on Lois Street extension, Naples and Savoy Roads.

The Ford Truck purchased by authority of the annual town meeting proved its value throughout the year.

The system of cooperation of labor and the lending and borrowing of equipment between all departments has proven very successful and a saving to the tax payer.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Hamilton and all town officials and departments, also the highway employees that have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. POOLE

*Highway Surveyor*

## REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

Your Civil Defense Agency, except for the valued, voluntary activities of its Auxiliary Police unit, has continued in its stand-by character during 1954. There has been no cause for our Agency to swing into action, for which we are all deeply grateful. This does not mean, of course, that we have not been ready. Our Civil Defense organization remains intact, for any responsibilities that could conceivably confront the town.

At recent regional meetings which your Director has attended, and as indicated in the daily press, a structural change in the Civil Defense operations would appear to be imminent. Federal authorities have under consideration plans whereby the national government, through the states, would take over complete responsibility for the direction of Civil Defense activities, even on the local level. Until such time, your town's agency will continue to function as it has in the past.

Your director, and presumably all the citizens of the town, are very grateful for the tireless efforts of Hamilton's Auxiliary Police under the leadership of Marshall D. Gero. Their civic contribution has been notable. During and after the 1954 hurricanes, they rendered splendid service in cooperation with town and state authorities. Their voluntary assistance in minimizing traffic hazards on the occasions of the weekly movie has meant a great deal to Hamilton parents, and their assistance at football games and other public meeting places has merited praise.

The Civil Defense Agency wishes to express its special thanks to Donald F. Cutler, Jr., for his generous assistance to the Auxiliary Police, in furnishing quarters and a rifle range to its members.

I am sincerely grateful to all members of our organization who continue to stand in readiness for any calls that may be made upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PERKINS,

*Director.*

# REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE FOR 1954

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

The School Building Needs Committee is pleased to submit the following reports of its activities for 1954. The report is in two parts: Part I consists of the preliminary report which was issued prior to the Special Town Meeting December 15, 1954, Part II describes the events subsequent to the Special Meeting.

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

#### THE COMMITTEE IS FORMED

At the annual town meeting on March 9, 1954, the Town of Hamilton authorized the appointment of a committee of eight to study the immediate and future needs for school facilities in the town.

The Committee, appointed by the Moderator, held its first meeting on April 7, 1954, laid out a plan of action, and proceeded to gather data which are presented in this report for your consideration.

#### THE COMMITTEE STUDIES THE NEEDS

The Committee began its work by studying the present and future educational needs of the children of Hamilton. As the study progressed certain factors, listed below, became apparent and they, in turn, dictated the areas in which the Committee hoped to be able to make meaningful recommendations to the Town.

1. Enrollment in the Hamilton public schools has increased to such an extent that present school facilities are inadequate.
2. Enrollment predictions emphasize the need for long-range planning even though the immediate space need seems to be at the elementary grade level.
3. Additional classroom space must be provided so as to be available in part at least by September, 1955.

#### WHAT ABOUT ENROLLMENT

In December, 1949, Educational Service Associates submitted a report in which population and school enrollment predictions were made and used as a basis for new school construction. It is interesting to note that our population *now* probably exceeds their estimate for 1965; that our *present* school enrollment exceeds their estimate for 1975 by nearly 100 pupils!

Predicting enrollments for the years ahead is as difficult now as it was in 1949. The Committee presents the following tables as its best estimate of the *probable* enrollment based upon children now in school:



TABLE I  
AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP 1950-1960  
HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

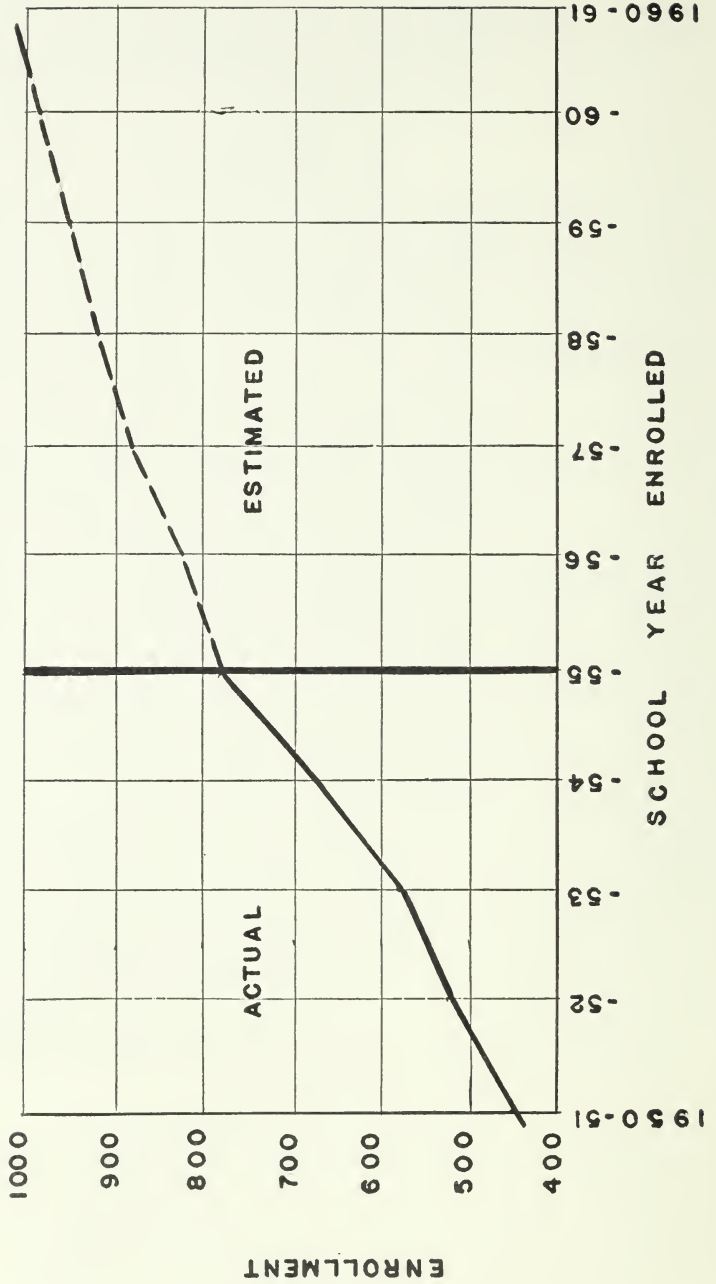




TABLE II  
ENROLLMENT BY GRADES  
HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
1950-1954 ACTUAL 1955-1960 ESTIMATED

	Grade						Total	Grade						Total		
	K	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11		12	
1950-51	28	56	43	47	36	30	35	275	34	28	30	33	25	27	177	452
1951-52	68	47	53	49	44	42	31	334	38	37	27	29	31	27	189	523
1952-53	71	81	46	56	51	40	41	386	33	32	37	26	27	31	186	572
1953-54	84	111	72	52	56	60	49	484	52	35	30	35	20	23	195	679
1954-55	91	114	95	86	55	61	55	557	53	56	42	26	28	19	224	781
1955-56	90	110	100	90	84	53	58	585	52	51	52	40	24	26	245	830
1956-57	90	105	98	95	87	81	51	607	56	50	49	50	38	22	265	872
1957-58	90	105	95	96	92	85	80	643	49	53	47	46	48	36	279	922
1958-59	95	100	95	92	94	90	82	648	77	47	50	45	44	45	308	956
1959-60	95	105	95	92	90	91	87	655	80	75	43	47	43	42	330	985
1960-61	95	105	95	92	90	88	89	654	85	77	70	40	45	40	357	1011

A study at the elementary school level of actual and predicted enrollments, together with an appraisal of the present elementary school facilities, indicates immediate and future space needs as follows:

TABLE III

## SPACE NEEDS FOR KINDERGARTEN AND GRADES I - VI

School Year	Total Number Rooms Needed	Rooms in M. Cutler School	Rooms Available in High School	No. of Extra Rooms Needed
1954-55	18	14	4	0
1955-56	20	14	2	4
1956-57	22	14	2	6
1957-58	24	14	0	10
1958-59	25	14	0	11
1959-60	26	14	0	12

The table above presents facts based on present known enrollments projected into the future. The Committee assumes that Hamilton will continue to grow in population but at a slower rate than has been true in the preceding four years. Rate of growth remains an unknown factor, however, and unforeseen increases would serve to accelerate the needs as outlined in Table III.

## HOW CAN THE NEEDS BE MET

The Committee has studied carefully every known way in which additional school space can be provided. It has been constantly mindful of the necessity for the continuing development of good school facilities which in turn must be within the ability of the Town to finance and maintain. Several possible courses of action were presented and studied; each is summarized below:

1. *Construction of a new twelve-room school* — To begin such a project immediately would not solve the pressing need for four classrooms in 1955, and the large cost of such a structure would add a new and sizeable debt to that already incurred for the Manasseh Cutler School and the High School addition. Estimates of cost seem to average \$1600 per pupil or a total of \$560,000 for a 350-pupil building. The State Building Assistance Commission would probably share about 25% of the cost of this construction.

2. *Construction of an addition to the Manasseh Cutler School* — To add twelve rooms to this school would make an unwieldy administrative unit and seriously tax the cafeteria-auditorium facilities of the school. Here, too, cost and time factors are important considerations; construction similar to that of the Cutler School would probably cost about \$35,000 per room (a total of \$420,000) and would certainly not be ready for September, 1955. State aid would probably amount to 25% of the construction cost.

3. *Remodeling the Jonathan Lamson School* — The Committee examined this possibility most carefully. An architect was employed to study the building, draft plans and specifications necessary to meet minimum state safety requirements for a public school building and the minimum educational needs submitted by the School Committee, and to obtain accurate cost estimates for the remodeling. The total cost for remodeling and equipment was \$139,040.00. The building would then contain nine classrooms and cafeteria but no auditorium-playroom and would still be a two-story wooden-frame building on its present limited site. This project, if started at once, could be completed by September, 1955. No State aid can be allowed for remodeling of existing buildings.

4. *Construction of unit classrooms at the Manasseh Cutler School* — A new plan of permanent unit classroom construction was presented to the Committee. This would make it possible to immediately erect, on trial and subject to approval through use, a two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School. This addition could be occupied and tried during this school year. If satisfactory to the School Committee and to the Town, an additional two-room unit could be added to the first and be ready for occupancy by September, 1955, thus meeting the need for four new rooms by that date. The cost of each two-room unit, completely erected, furnished and equipped, is a guaranteed contract price of \$45,000., — or \$22,500. per classroom. The usual procedures in requesting state aid (approximately 25%) on this construction will be followed. Drawings showing exterior and interior views of this two-room unit are included as part of this report.

## THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

After very careful consideration of all the needs and possibilities, the Committee unanimously recommends:

1. THAT the Town of Hamilton ask the New England Development Corporation to erect immediately a two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler school. This unit will be built, furnished and equipped without present cost to the Town, and turned over to the School Committee for its use for school purposes. If, after a reasonable trial period, the structure is found to be satisfactory, then the School Committee will recommend its purchase by the Town of Hamilton for \$45,000. If the unit should prove to be unsatisfactory, the New England Development Corporation will, by agreement, remove the unit and restore the site to its original condition without cost to the Town.

The two-room unit recommended above is made available to the Town on these terms because some of the people responsible for it are citizens of Hamilton who would like advantages of the plan to accrue to our town rather than to some other town.

2. THAT upon receiving a completely satisfactory report from the School Committee on the function and use of the original two-room unit, the Town of Hamilton appoint a building committee and appropriate sufficient funds for this committee to pay for the original two-room unit and erect another two-room unit, thus making a complete four-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School, ready for use by September 1, 1955.

3. THAT pending a second satisfactory report on the function and use of the four-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School, a building committee be appointed to plan and build a new eight-room elementary school, consisting of four double classroom units complete with cafeteria, auditorium-playroom, and administrative suite on the Manasseh Cutler School property, which should be increased in acreage for this purpose.

## ALTERNATIVES TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee presents as a possible, but not recommended, alternative to Number 1 above the remodeling of the Jonathan Lamson School as previously described.

If the original two-room unit recommended in Number 1 above is completed then the remodeling of the Jonathan Lamson School is presented as a possible, but not recommended, alternative to recommendation Number 2 above.

If the four-room unit plan is followed as is recommended in Numbers 1 and 2 above, then the remodeling of the Jonathan Lamson School is presented as a possible, but not recommended, alternative to recommendation Number 3 above.

## CONCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Because of the highly desirable flexibility which is inherent in the unit classroom plan outlined above, the Committee feels that this offers the best immediate solution to a pressing need. This same flexibility feature will make it possible to anticipate on short notice the changing needs of the public schools and to provide for these needs without undue delay. (Building time for a two-room unit is extremely short by comparison with other known plans of construction).

The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the citizens of Hamilton authorize Town Officials to accept the trial offer of the original two-room unit described herein as the first in a series of steps designed to keep the school facilities of Hamilton always adequate for the educational needs of the children of our town.

The Committee recognizes that today's space needs at the elementary level become tomorrow's needs at the secondary level. The Committee recommends that it be continued in existence for the purpose of studying the continuing needs at all levels and that it report its findings to the Town as quickly as substantiated conclusions can be reached.

## PART II

At the Special Town Meeting which convened at the High School on December 15, 1954 the School Building Needs Committee was voted authorization to continue its studies of the future needs for school facilities in Hamilton.

It was also voted at this Special Town Meeting that the School Committee be empowered to enter into contract with the New England Develop-

ment Corporation, as recommended by this committee, to erect for trial purposes a two-classroom addition to the Manasseh Cutler School. A contract has been agreed upon and signed and the foundation for the addition has been layed out. The two-classroom unit will be in use by April 1, 1955. If this addition proves to be suitable the School Committee will petition the Town of Hamilton to approve the purchase of this addition plus another unit of two classrooms so that the necessary classrooms will be ready for occupancy in September 1955.

It is evident to this committee that school enrollments will continue to increase in Hamilton for at least the next five years, which will call for comprehensive planning and study so that the school children of Hamilton will be provided with adequate school building facilities which will fit the expanded needs of modern public school educational practices.

We, the members of the School Building Needs Committee, thank all who have assisted us in making our investigations and we are grateful that our recommendations have met with the approval of the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN MacCURRACH, *Chairman*

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER

GEORGE C. CUTLER

HENRY J. GOURDEAU

GRACE B. LAMSON

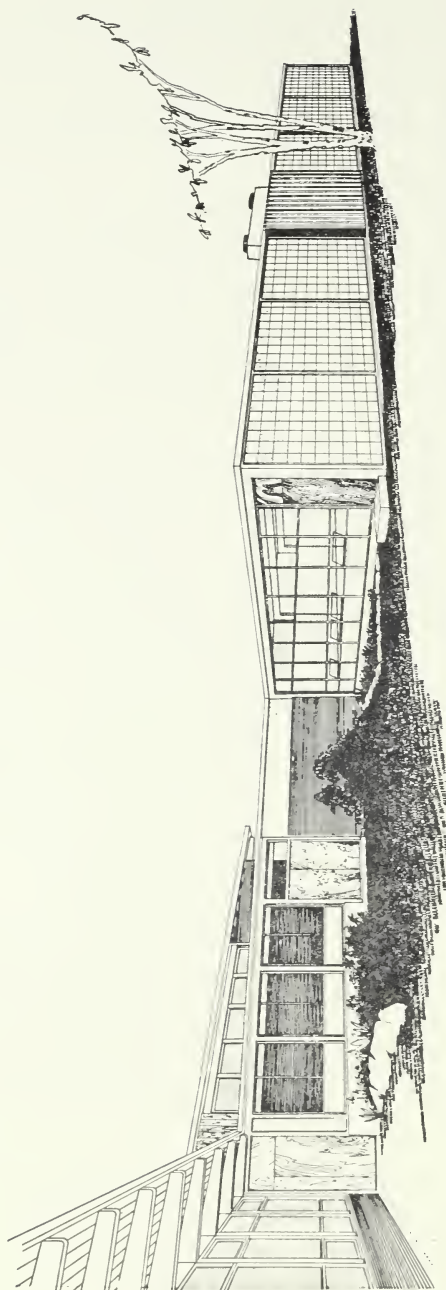
JOHN F. NEARY

MORLEY L. PIPER

JOSEPH C. QUINN

SHERWOOD B. STOCKWELL (resigned)

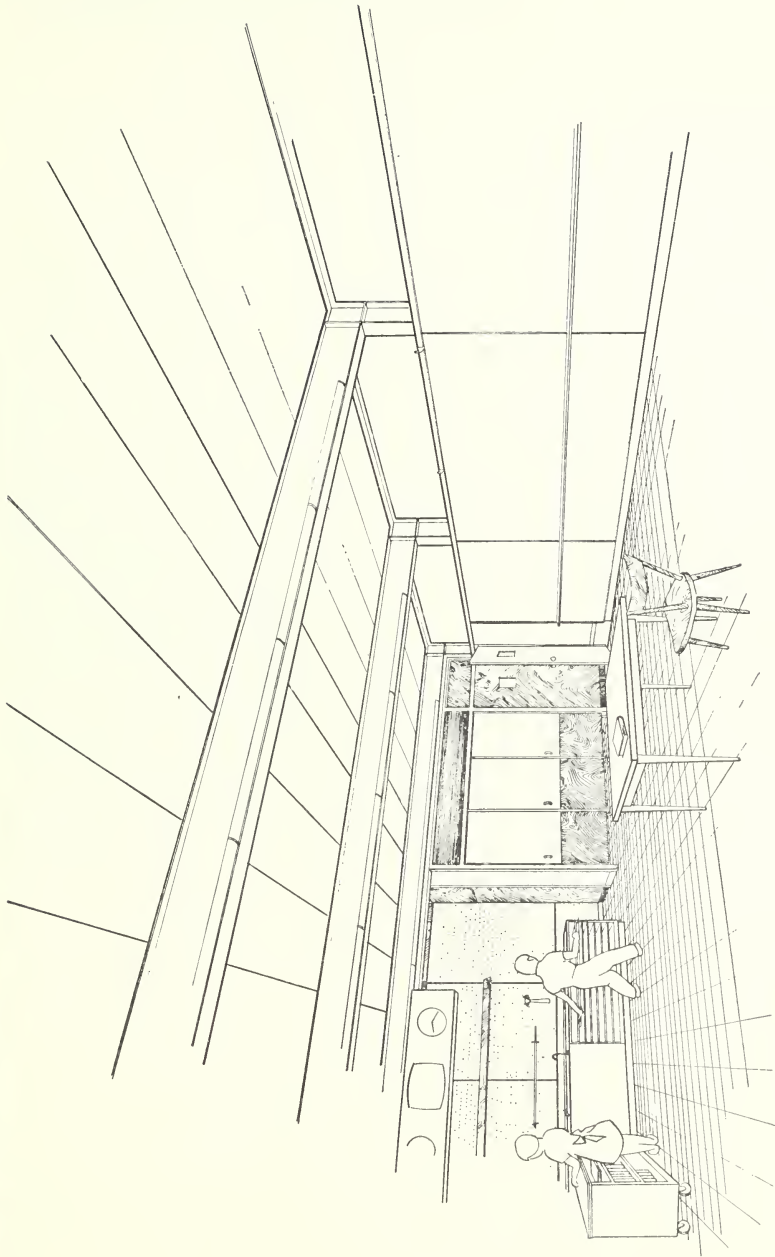




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## EXTERIOR VIEW OF RECOMMENDED TWO-ROOM UNIT





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## INTERIOR VIEW OF RECOMMENDED TWO-ROOM UNIT

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODE STUDY COMMITTEE

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton:*

The following report covers the activities of the Building and Electrical Code Committee, appointed by the Moderator under the authority of Article 14 of the Warrant for the annual town meeting of 1954:

The Moderator appointed the Committee early in April of 1954, Captain Arthur M. Knight was appointed Chairman, and Bernard A. Cullen, A. Merrill Cummings, Jerome F. Flynn, and Omer J. Poirier as members.

The Committee met weekly and studied the needs of a Building and Electrical By-law and it was unanimously voted to draw up a proposed Building and Electrical By-law for consideration by the annual town meeting of 1955.

The proposed Building and Electrical By-laws will be found in the warrant and will be voted on at the annual town meeting on March 7, 1955. The Committee feels that the proposed By-laws are fair and just and that their adoption will be an asset to the town both in the interest of safety and fire prevention. The proposed By-laws, if passed would insure good construction and would protect the individual home builder and buyer.

Nothing in the proposed By-law should be construed to mean that an individual would be restricted from making ordinary repairs, a list of exemptions appears in article 3 of the proposed building By-law.

The Committee wishes to express their kind thanks to the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety, Commissioner Richard Preston of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce, Mr. Francis Whipple, Town Clerk, Mr. Standish Bradford, Town Counsel, and the many members of the Massachusetts Building Inspectors Association that gave so much time and information in order that a fair set of Building and Electrical By-laws would be drawn up for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR M. KNIGHT, Chairman  
BERNARD A. CULLEN  
A. MERRILL CUMMINGS  
JEROME F. FLYNN  
OMER J. POIRIER

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

We submit herewith a report of the Welfare Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The overall picture of the combined categories of assistance compares very favorably with that of the previous year, even though there was an increase of expenditures for each category.

Prior to this year, expenditures for General Relief showed a decrease for three consecutive years. Expenditures for 1954 showed an increase of \$1,000. over 1953, which was due to an increase in the cost of hospitalization and an increase in payments to other cities and towns for assistance granted to persons for whom this town is responsible.

Expenditures under the Disability Assistance category showed a slight increase over last year due to medical needs of recipients.

Aid to Dependent Children expenditures increased approximately \$1,000. over last year due to the addition of one family and increased medical needs.

Expenditures for Old Age Assistance increased approximately \$2,000. over last year, which was the result of more persons receiving this type of assistance, increased medical costs and an increase in the amount paid to other cities and towns.

For the past several years there has been a very noticable increase in the overall cost of medical care and hospitalization. This increase has been due to rising costs rather than a larger percentage of individuals requiring such care.

The following figures show the expenditures during 1954, the amount of reimbursements received during the year, and the net cost to the town for each category of assistance:

### GENERAL RELIEF

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town .....	\$3,071.56	State of Mass. ....	\$1,005.00
		Towns and Cities .....	255.94
		Net Cost to Town .....	1,810.62
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	\$3,071.56		\$3,071.56

### DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town .....	\$3,479.67	Federal Government ..	\$1,062.21
		State of Mass. ....	1,372.39
		Net Cost to Town .....	1,045.07
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	\$3,479.67		\$3,479.67

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town .....	\$5,606.31	Federal Government ..	\$2,036.60
		State of Mass. ....	1,958.22
		Net Cost to Town .....	1,611.49
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	\$5,606.31		\$5,606.31

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

<i>Expenditures</i>		<i>Reimbursements</i>	
By Town .....	\$47,485.38	Federal Government ..	\$18,647.46
		State of Mass. ....	15,924.02
		Towns and Cities ....	1,077.16
		Net Cost to Town ....	11,836.74
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	\$47,485.38		\$47,485.38

Since the law requiring a lien on property of an old age assistance recipient became effective, the town has recovered \$3,212.68 as a result of such property being sold by the recipients. Such recoveries are apportioned to the Federal Government, State and Town, to the extent of the contribution by each in the assistance granted. In the case of this \$3,212.68 recovered, the apportionment was \$1,678.02 to the Federal Government, \$1,023.11 to the State, and \$511.55 to the Town.

It is surprising to note that the town expended a total of \$57,486.00 for assistance to residents under the public welfare programs. This amount is nearly one-tenth of the total expenditures by the town during the entire year for all purposes, including payments on debt, county tax, purchase of equipment, hurricane work, and each and every other expense of the town.

The cooperation by all local Physicians in an attempt to keep the medical cost at a minimum without sacrificing the actual needs of any recipient has been apparent and appreciated. Likewise, the assistance rendered by Miss Clementina Haynes, our local Visiting Nurse, has played an important part in maintaining the health of recipients at a minimum cost.

We extend our appreciation to each and every one who has assisted us in the administration of this department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE R. STONE  
EVERETT F. HALEY  
EDWARD A. DEWITT

*Board of Public Welfare.*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

We submit herewith our report of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1954.

The adoption of a Protective By-law by the annual town meeting and which became effective March 23, 1954, placed the responsibility of enforcement in the Board of Selectmen. In order to carry out the provisions of this By-law, the Board prepared application for a permit, a permit form, and a card to be posted as visible evidence of the issuance of a permit. Mr. Frank W. Buzzell was appointed to assist the Board in receiving applications and issuing permits under the title of Building Inspector. A report by Mr. Buzzell of his activities as such will be found elsewhere in the town report.

This By-law also provided that the Selectmen appoint a Board of Appeals. In compliance with this provision, the Board appointed Mr. George G. Beckett, Mr. John F. Neary, and Mr. Elmer H. Smith, with Mr. F. Harlan Clock as associate member.

Under the Protective By-law it is necessary to have a permit to erect, locate or re-locate any building, and to alter the exterior, or the interior if the number of families is to be increased. It seems well to mention that the Protective By-law deals with the use of land as well as the use and location of a building, and not with the manner of construction of a building.

Chapter 90 Construction work during the year consisted of completing a hot-top surface on Essex Street. This work was done under a contract with the Trimount Company to apply the hot-top, and the Highway Department doing incidental work.

We are proposing that Linden Street, from Lois to Highland Streets be built under Chapter 90 Construction in 1955. It is estimated the total cost to be \$14,000. of which the State will contribute \$7,000.; the County \$3,500.; and the town \$3,500.

In accordance with a policy adopted last year to erect street signs, twenty-seven such signs and posts were purchased by the Selectmen and were erected by the Highway Department. It is the intention of the Board to continue such practice until every street is properly identified by a street sign of uniform design. Traffic signs regulating vehicular travel were purchased by the Board and erected by the Highway Department at appropriate locations.

A report was received from the Post Office Department explaining the proposed plan for mail delivery in town. This proposed plan called for the closing of the Hamilton and Asbury Grove Post Offices, and the present South Hamilton Post Office serving the entire town. House delivery would be made in the South Hamilton, Asbury Grove. and Hamilton Centre areas, but some of the outlying areas would continue to be served by existing R.F.D. deliveries, or receive mail at the South Hamilton Post Office. This information was published in detail in the local papers and the Board received many protests by residents now being served through

the Hamilton Post Office. In view of the objections received, the Board recommended that the Post Office Department amend its proposed plan to establish delivery in the South Hamilton and Asbury Grove areas and leave the Hamilton area as it is. No report of any action on this recommendation has been received up to the present time.

Hurricane "Carol" on August 31, 1954, caused considerable damage to town trees, the roof of the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School, now used as headquarters for the Legion, and disrupted electrical and telephone service. Immediately after the storm had receded the Board met and declared the existence of a "state of emergency", and authorized the appropriate town officials to take necessary steps to make the streets passible and clean up the debris. This work necessitated the hiring of extra help and equipment for several weeks to augment town departments. Total expenditures for this work to December 31, 1954, amounted to \$12,174.43. There are more uprooted tree stumps that will be removed in the spring as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

As a result of a petition having been received, the Board caused a survey and plan to be made for the relocation of Cutler Road at the intersection of Bay Road to alleviate a traffic hazard. An article has been inserted in the warrant for the 1955 annual town meeting in order that the town may vote on this proposed relocation.

The upkeep of street numbering is a responsibility of the Board of Selectmen. In this respect it is the policy to make a survey of all the streets twice a year and set up the numbers of the buildings in a book kept for such purpose. With new buildings being erected so rapidly it is quite difficult to maintain an up-to-date record at all times.

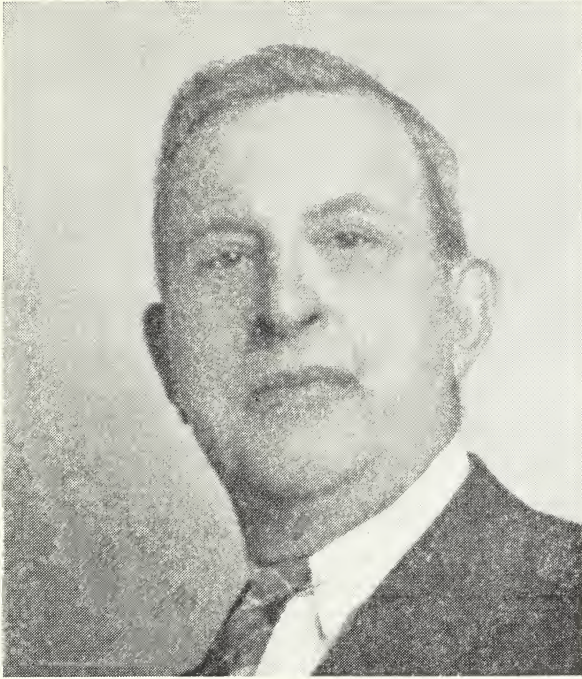
We express our sincere appreciation to all townspeople and officials who have assisted us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD A. DeWITT  
LAWRENCE R. STONE  
EVERETT F. HALEY

*Board of Selectmen*





JESSE S. MANN

Jesse S. Mann was born in Shapleigh, Maine, September 23, 1873, the son of John R. and Betsy M. Mann, and died July 1, 1954.

Coming to Hamilton at an early age, he became interested in town and civic affairs. At the annual town meeting in 1915 he was elected a Measurer of Wood, Lumber and Bark, and re-elected to this office each succeeding year until his passing, making a total of forty consecutive years of being elected to this office.

In 1919 Jesse sought election to the office of Assessor and was elected for a three year term. In 1924 he again was a candidate for the Board of Assessors and was elected for a three year term, and was re-elected to such office at the expiration of each succeeding term, and which office he held at the time of his passing. His thirty-three years service as an Assessor, thirty of which were consecutive, clearly indicates the confidence placed in him by the people of Hamilton, and being chosen Chairman of the Board for many years also showed the confidence placed in him by his associates in office.

Always maintaining a fair and impartial stand, he was able to render justice to all in performing the duties of his office.

Jesse was a sincere and active member of the Methodist Church, a member of John T. Heard Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Ipswich, and maintained a sincere interest in the Asbury Grove Camp Meeting Association, as well as many other civic affiliations.

Of a kind and pleasant nature, his presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

## REPORT OF THE DENTAL CLINIC

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*To the members of the Hamilton Board of Health:*

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit my report of the Dental Clinic for the year of 1954.

Amalgams .....	384
Cements .....	29
Copper cements .....	15
Linings .....	21
Extractions	
Temporary .....	36
Permanent .....	3
Novocain .....	46
X-rays .....	8
Cleanings .....	67
Root treatments .....	7
Fluorine treatments .....	4
Certificates .....	36
Examinations .....	7
No. operations .....	612
No. children .....	542
No. hours .....	174

My report for the year does not compare with that of previous years because of my absence from the office for two months. It was most unfortunate for the children for they are in dire need of dentistry. In fact I can honestly say that in all my years of doing clinic work, I have never seen a greater need for dental work. I hope that in the very near future we will be enjoying the benefits of water fluoridation. It has been proven throughout the country that it has been a great help in reducing dental decay.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KING, D.M.D.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton:*

The following report covers the activities of the Board of Health during the year ending December 31, 1954.

During the year routine rubbish collections were maintained with very satisfactory results. The truck being used for this purpose is now thirteen years old, was used by the Highway department for eight years prior to being used for rubbish collections. This truck has served its usefulness and is expensive to maintain. We recommend that a new chassis and cab

be purchased in 1955, and that the present body be mounted on the new chassis.

In accordance with rules and regulations adopted last year, all new sewage disposal systems must be inspected and comply with such regulations. Such inspections have been carried out by Philip S. Plummer and have proven very effective.

A chest x-ray program for persons over fifteen years of age was carried on during March. It was very gratifying to the Board to learn that a large percentage of the population took advantage of this service.

A preliminary survey of Miles River is being conducted by the State Department of Public Works, Division of Waterways, to determine the feasibility of dredging the river and its effect on the immediate water table. The survey has not been completed, therefore, no statistics are available at this time.

Due to the unsatisfactory manner in which garbage has been collected by contractors, the Board deemed it advisable to discontinue letting the work out on contract, and to employ local men to collect with town equipment. The town at a special town meeting held in December voted to buy a truck for this purpose. The work will be started when the existing contract expires in January, 1955. The Board firmly believes that a more satisfactory job will be done in this manner.

The Dental Clinic has continued to be conducted by Dr. John King, assisted by Miss Florence Stobbart, School Nurse. Due to the increased school population, attendance at the Clinic was restricted to children in the first three grades of school. Dr. King's report of the activities of the Dental Clinic may be found elsewhere in the town report.

The following is a list of communicable diseases reported during the year:

Anterior Poliomyelitis .....	2	Measles .....	16
Chicken Pox .....	58	Mumps .....	21
German Measles .....	5	Whooping Cough .....	14

The Board expresses its appreciation to Charles F. Poole, Highway Surveyor, for his excellent cooperation at all times, especially his supervision and loaning of men and equipment for rubbish collection. Appreciation is extended to all who have assisted the Board in any way during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT F. HALEY  
EDWARD A. DeWITT  
LAWRENCE R. STONE

*Board of Health*

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### *To the Board of Selectmen:*

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

	Total Arrests .....	50	
Male .....	48	Female .....	2

### CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES

Assault .....	1	School Problem .....	1
Drunkenness .....	12	Breaking and Entering .....	5
Larceny .....	6	Abuse of female child .....	1
Lewd and Lascivious .....	2	Operating without license .....	4
Vagrancy .....	1	Operating under influence .....	7
Arson .....	1	Driving to endanger .....	4
Idle and Disorderly Conduct ....	1	Stop sign .....	1
Stolen Car .....	1	Neglect to minor children .....	1
Disturbing the Peace .....	1		

### DISPOSITION OF CASES

Fined .....	22	Probation .....	6
Sentenced .....	10	Released (Drunk) .....	12

### SUMMONS SERVED

For local department .....	9	For out of town police .....	40
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### AUTOMOBILE REGULATIONS

Licenses revoked by Registrar .....	22
Registrations revoked by Registrar .....	7
Automobile transfers .....	234

### MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance runs to hospitals and physicians .....	104
Dangerous wires reported .....	30
Street lights reported out .....	78
Street obstructions reported .....	12
Accidents investigated .....	27
Assistance to out of town police .....	68

The two-way radio installed in the Cruiser during 1953 continues to be a valuable asset to the department. In many emergencies it has been possible to contact the officer on duty in various sections of town, thereby making it possible to render immediate service.



The Cruiser-Ambulance is now on its third year of use and is beginning to require more and more repairs. This machine has had considerable use and should be replaced in 1955.

I express my sincere appreciation to the Beverly Police Department for its cooperation in handling calls for our two-way radio, the local Telephone Operators for their endless cooperation which far exceeds their customary duties, and all townspeople and officials who have assisted the department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD FREDERICK

*Chief of Police*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

Pursuant to the provisions of the Protective (Zoning) By-Law adopted in March, 1954, the Board of Selectmen appointed the undersigned to be the original members of the Board of Appeals, and appointed F. Harlan Clock to be the associate member. Organization took place in April, 1954, with George G. Beckett as Chairman and John F. Neary as Clerk.

During the year 1954 three matters officially brought before the Board were decided after the required public hearings. Two were requests for permits to convert existing residences into two-family dwellings. The third was a request for a variance from the location requirements of the By-Law, arising as an appeal from a decision of the Building Inspector. Two cases are pending at this writing; one, another two-family house case and the other a variance petition involving interpretation of the area and frontage requirements of the By-Law. Several property owners have consulted members concerning the Board's jurisdiction, policies or procedure.

Since both zoning and appeal boards are new in Hamilton, a brief resume of the Board's jurisdiction and operation may be in order. The Board is not an enforcement agency. Its function under the zoning law is to give relief from the requirements of the By-Law in three classes of cases if it decides relief should be given in a particular instance. One such class covers the granting of a special permit for any of the five purposes listed in Section IV (8) of the Protective By-Law. Such permits must be obtained from the Board before the Building Inspector can issue his building permit. Conditions may be imposed by the Board. The other two classes of cases for relief are set forth in the General Laws. The first provides for appeals from decisions of the Building Inspector, for example to correct an alleged error on his part. The second covers requests for a variance, by appeal or directly by petition to the Board, from the literal terms of the By-Law.

It must be remembered that not every request to the Board for relief will succeed. The controlling law of the Commonwealth, to which the By-Law refers, lays down very strict rules limiting the granting of variances, in effect providing that a petitioner must prove both the hardship involved to himself and the further facts that the requested relief will not be contrary to the spirit of the By-Law or have any substantial adverse effect upon the community or neighborhood. These rules have been upheld by many decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court. Their effect is increased by the statutory requirement that the Board can give relief only if its decision is unanimous.

From the foregoing it appears that one who seeks relief from the Board should be prepared to present all the facts at the hearing together with the best reasons available in favor of his request, including his interpretation of its effect upon the neighborhood. The Supreme Court has held that the fact that one will otherwise lose a profit is no reason for granting a variance. Neither is it sufficient to claim that no abutters object. The Board is required by law to notify all interested parties and the members naturally want to know how the abutters and others interested feel about the question at issue. The final decision, however, will be that of your Board and not that of the abutters.

The Board expects to issue rules of procedure governing its hearings, and blank forms for the assistance of applicants who desire a hearing. In view of the informal nature of most hearings held before the Board it is proposed that the forms to be used shall require the applicants to state all pertinent information under oath. This matter will become more important as time goes on, especially with reference to situations existing at the time of adoption of the By-Law.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. BECKETT

ELMER H. SMITH

JOHN F. NEARY

*Board of Appeals*



## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:*

I herewith submit a report of the Tree and Moth Departments for the year 1954.

The customary spraying and the trimming of dead wood as a means of suppressing the various bugs and diseases that attack shade trees was carried on during the year. Trees infected with dutch elm disease were removed and burned.

New Maple trees were purchased and set out on streets without shade trees. Brush and undergrowth has been trimmed along the sides of various streets. The continued assistance of the Highway Department in this work during the winter months has been very helpful.

Work during the last four months of the year was confined exclusively to the removal and trimming of trees damaged by the hurricane. The assistance by all town departments in hurricane work was very helpful.

I express my appreciation to all town departments and to all others who have assisted me in any way during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

*Tree Warden*

## WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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ESSEX, ss. *To the Constable of the Town of Hamilton:*

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM in said Town on Monday, the seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-five (March 7, 1955) at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening (7:30 P.M.) then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1. To bring your ballots for:

- Moderator for one year.
- Town Clerk for one year.
- Three Selectmen for one year.
- Treasurer for one year.
- Tax Collector for one year.
- One Assessor for three years.
- One Assessor for two years.
- One Tree Warden for one year.
- One Highway Surveyor for one year.
- One member of the School Committee for three years.
- One Library Trustee for three years.
- One Water Commissioner for three years.
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
- One Park Commissioner for three years.
- One member of the Planning Board for five years.

The above named officers to be voted for on one ballot on Tuesday, the fifteenth day of March, 1955, (March 15, 1955) in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. The polls will be opened at 8:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine. *passed*

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon or relative thereto. *passed*

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all other Town Expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Linden Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *Carried*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of making alterations and repairs in the Clerk's Office in the town hall, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *Carried*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Cruiser-Ambulance for the use of the Police Department, provide for the turning in of the present vehicle toward the purchase price thereof, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *Carried*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck chassis and cab for use in collecting rubbish in town and provide for the mounting of the rubbish body now owned and used by the town on such chassis, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *Carried*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Fire Truck with a mechanical ladder and other fire fighting equipment and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *Carried*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of shingling and repairing the roof of the Adelaide Dodge Walsh School now used as headquarters for the American Legion, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *Carried*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a water pipe line from Sagamore Street to the town dump, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of draining the area of the General George S. Patton, Jr. Park and Playground, and to acquire or enter into any necessary rights of way or agreements in connection therewith, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *Carried*

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Cemetery, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of the relocation of a portion of Cutler Road by the Selectmen as shown on a plan on file with the town clerk, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the relocation and rebuilding of said street in accordance with such plan, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to extend the water mains on Lake Drive approximately 1056 feet and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3200.00 therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by James L. DeAngelis and others. *yes*

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or "free cash" in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$35,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1955, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five registered voters of the town for the purpose of investigating and studying the advisability of the fluoridation of the town water system, such committee to make its report with recommendations at the next annual town meeting, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the expenses of the committee, or take any action thereon or relative thereto. *no*

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five registered voters of the town to study and investigate possible ways and means of improving the electrical service in the town, and to consider among other things the feasibility of a municipal owned electrical generating plant and system of distribution; the feasibility of underground wires; methods to prevent disruption of electrical service over unwarranted periods of time, such committee to report its recommendations with necessary drafts or articles to carry out the same at the annual town meeting for 1956, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the expenses of the committee, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Harold A. Daley and others. *no*

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five registered voters of the town for the purpose of investigating and studying the feasibility of providing a building for quarters of the fire and police departments, said Committee to report with recommendations at the next annual town meeting, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Lawrence Lamson and others. *yes*

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Building By-laws and Wiring By-laws, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

## BUILDING BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

### TITLE

This By-Law shall be known and cited as the Building By-Law of the Town of Hamilton as provided under Chapter 143, Section 3, of the General Laws.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-Law is to provide minimum standards and requirements for safe and stable designs, methods of construction and uses of materials in buildings and structures hereafter erected, altered, moved, or converted to other uses within the limits of the Town of Hamilton.

The provisions of this By-Law shall be supplementary to any and all state laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to buildings.

### SCOPE

New buildings and structures hereafter erected in the Town of Hamilton shall conform to all the requirements of this By-Law.

Existing Buildings need not conform to the requirements of this By-Law except that all ordinary masonry construction buildings and all frame buildings hereafter built or altered in which the lower stories or portions thereof are used for business, and the stories above for residence purposes shall have partitions and ceilings separating the business portion from the residence portions covered with metal lath and plaster or other equivalent fire-retardant material.

### ARTICE 1. *General Provisions*

SECTION 1. The Board of Selectmen shall, in the month of April, appoint an Inspector of Buildings for the term of one year from the first day of May following, and until another is appointed in his stead; and may by appointment fill any vacancy in said office. He shall be either an architect, builder or civil engineer. He shall receive such salary as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen subject to the provisions of General Laws. If the Inspector shall have any interest in the doing of work, or the furnishing of materials for the construction, repair or alteration of any building in this town, or in the making of plans or specifications therefor, then the application shall be referred to the Board of Selectmen, who shall appoint a competent person to act as Inspector in his stead and may fix the compensation to be paid said person.



SECTION 2. No construction or alteration of a structure, building, or part thereof, shall be commenced until a description of the proposed work, together with plans if required, is filed with the Inspector of Buildings, giving full information as to materials, cost, location, owner, architect and builder, and such other information as may be requested upon blanks prepared for the purpose and approved by the Selectmen, and a permit issued by the Building Inspector.

### DUTIES OF THE INSPECTOR

SECTION 3. The Inspector shall keep a record of the business of the department, and submit to the Board of Selectmen an annual record of such business and such other reports as the Selectmen may require.

SECTION 4. The Inspector shall furnish the Board of Assessors with a record of all permits as granted, with data on cards as furnished by the Assessors, and when the building or buildings are completed shall place upon cards their outlines, with dimensions, area covered and cubical contents, together with any such data as may be required by said Board of Assessors.

SECTION 5. After a permit is issued and the work started, the following inspections, at least, shall be made promptly by the Building Inspector upon notification by the builder or owner that the premises are ready for such inspection.

1. After excavation and before foundations or footings are installed.
2. After foundations or footings are in place, but before backfill.
3. Before sheathing, plastering or lathing in whole or part.
4. When all work is completed and building ready for occupancy.

The Inspector shall not approve the work until all requirements of these Laws have been complied with.

SECTION 6. He shall receive applications and issue permits for the erection and alteration of buildings, as hereinafter described and shall keep detailed and sufficient records of such applications and permits.

### ARTICLE 2. *Permits*

SECTION 1. The owner, lessee or agent of either, or architect, builder or contractor for any building or structure to be demolished or moved shall make written application to the Inspector of such intended demolition or moving and obtain a permit.

SECTION 2. The Inspector of Buildings shall issue or deny a permit within fifteen days of the receipt of the application for the permit properly filled out. The permit is for immediate use upon a building or structure to be begun at once and pushed forward to completion within a reasonable time. The permit is void after ninety days unless the work, which it allows, is begun and may become void if at any time during construction the work is halted for a period of sixty days. The permit shall be kept upon the work and shall be shown, upon request to the Inspector of Buildings, any Selectmen, or their Agent. Any building operation shall be carried on in conformity with the description of the work for which permit is issued. If changes are made, a new application shall be filed and approved before they are begun.

SECTION 3. Same as Section 2 of Article 1.



ARTICLE 3. *Exemptions*

Subject to compliance with the structural requirements of this By-Law Articles No. 4 through No. 12.

Ordinary repairs of buildings or structures may be made without a permit from the Inspector, but such repairs shall not be construed to include the cutting away of any stone or brick wall, or any portion thereof, the removal or cutting of any beam or support, or the removal, change or closing of any staircase, or any alteration made for the purpose of converting into a dwelling, a building or structure constructed or previously used for a different purpose.

The following shall be excepted from the provisions of this Building Law:

1. Buildings owned or occupied by the United States or by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. Bridges, quays and wharves.
3. Buildings less than seven feet in height, and eight feet in length and breadth measured to the extremes in all diameters provided that the location of such conform with the Zoning By-Law.
4. Temporary structures erected for storage or offices during construction operations provided such structures shall be removed at the completion of such operations.
5. Farm buildings not used for human occupancy situated not less than fifty feet from any other building.
6. Ordinary repairs and alterations of buildings but not including change in structural members of supports, means of egress or anything which would violate any provision of the Building Law.
7. In case of buildings or structures of special or unusual character to the construction of which those Building Laws do not particularly apply, the Inspector shall refer the question of approval of plans and specifications and the issuance of a permit to the Board of Appeals for determination.
8. *Immediate* emergency repairs.

ARTICLE 4. *Garages*

SECTION 1. All garages located beneath, or having a common wall with a dwelling shall be plastered with cement plaster on all walls and ceiling. Any doorway leading from such a garage into a dwelling shall be equipped with a self-closing door, frame and door on garage side to be metal covered.

SECTION 2. If the garage be placed nearer to the building than ten feet, the wall nearer to the principal building must be brick nogged, or built of fire proof material, and the ceiling built of fire-resisting material. If the garage is to be placed in the basement of the dwelling, or attached to it on either side, or built within five feet of it, then all sides shall be built of fireproof material and the ceiling as well.

ARTICLE 5. *Foundatons*

Every building shall have a continuous solid masonry foundation, to be built of stone, poured concrete in forms, precast concrete blocks, brick or other approved material, extending from a point at least three and one-half feet below grade, or from ledge, to the under side of the sill at the first floor level. If the land is on one or more sides slopes away to less than one foot above the cellar or basement floor level than the sill may also follow the contour of the land. This exception will not apply where there is no cellar or basement.

For buildings other than accessory buildings of one story in height, the thickness of the foundation walls will be as follows:

- a. Stone walls, not less than sixteen inches thick.
- b. Poured concrete, of proper mix, at least ten inches thick in the forms, increasing in thickness according to height, size and use of the building. Wall to be full height of the story.
- c. Pre-cast concrete blocks, well seasoned, twelve inches wide to grade, and subject to the same requirements as of poured concrete.
- d. All masonry walls except stone walls shall start from a footing of concrete, re-inforced, if necessary, when required by the Building Inspector. Such footings shall be at least ten inches thick and four inches wider on each side than the wall itself.
- e. No masonry wall shall be built to a height greater than ten feet without re-inforcements or premanent bracing.
- f. Carrying sticks (carrying timbers) shall be supported by approved metal columns not more than seven feet apart.

The above requirements shall not be applied to piazzas, porches, or similar projections of not more than one story in height or of more than 100 square feet of floor area.

Under no circumstance, however, will the use of wood resting on or imbedded in the ground be allowed to be used for supports under any sill, girder, partition shoe or other timber sustaining weight.

ARTICLE 6. *Firestopping*

SECTION 1. All buildings, alterations or additions thereto, hereafter erected, shall be firestopped at all floor levels, to prevent the spread of fire and to cut off drafts.

SECTION 2. Firestopping shall be done by two-inch stock, nominal measure, and must be placed between floor joists at the sill inside the studs between floor joists resting on a girder, girt, partition cap or any other supporting timber, full and complete in height up to the under side of the lining floor. On top of the lining floor stock of two inches in thickness full width of the studs shall be laid flatways between the studs.

SECTION 3. Stairs shall be firestopped at each end and in the middle of each run.

SECTION 4. Chimneys are to be firestopped at each floor with metal strips.

SECTION 5. Firestopping shall be provided to form an effectual horizontal fire barrier between stories and roof spaces. The stopping shall consist of pieces of wood, not less than two inches thick, fitted tightly, cement mortar, or brick filling. Fire stopping shall not be concealed from view until opportunity has been given to the Building Inspector to approve it. (Masonry materials may be used in place of wood.)

#### ARTICLE 7. *Fire Protection of Woodwork*

SECTION 1. Woodwork shall be kept at least one inch from the outside brick work of chimneys and in no case shall nails be driven into the masonry of a chimney for the support of woodwork.

Smoke pipes from furnaces and heaters shall be kept at least eighteen inches away from any woodwork, unless woodwork is protected.

Registers, connected with hot air furnaces, shall be set in non-combustible borders at least two inches wide.

Steam pipes shall be kept at least one inch from all woodwork or shall be protected by an incombustible ring or tube, or rest on iron supports.

SECTION 2. Wood and other combustible floors under stoves or similar appliances without legs shall be protected by one inch of asbestos or four inches of masonry, extending not less than four inches beyond the limits of the said appliance.

SECTION 3. No heating boiler, furnace, laundry stove, or similar appliance shall be placed within one and one-half feet of any partition, or ceiling of wood or wood lath and plaster, or within three feet of such partition or ceiling unless guarded by sheet metal loosely attached to provide an air space behind.

SECTION 4. No heating boiler or furnace shall be placed upon wooden floor construction.

SECTION 5. No stove or kitchen range shall be placed closer than twelve inches to any woodwork or wood lath and plaster partition; nor closer than twenty-four inches, unless guarded with sheet metal, held off one inch from said partition and allowing a ventilating air space, unless the appliance is approved for contrary installation by the Underwriters' Laboratories.

SECTION 6. All gas, gasoline, or other open flame appliances shall be placed on non-combustible stands at least six inches above any combustible support, unless the burners are at least five inches above the base, with metal guard plates below the burners.

No such device shall be used in a room where gasoline or other volatile inflammable liquid is handled, and no such liquid shall be stored in any room where such device is installed.

SECTION 7. Gas connections to stoves or heating devices shall be by rigid metal pipes.

#### ARTICLE 8. *Party Walls*

No opening or doorways shall be cut through a party or partition wall of any building without a permit from the Building Inspector, and when required by the Building Inspector, every such doorway shall be protected by standard self-closing fire doors with approved resistive frame and hardware.

ARTICLE 9. *Chimneys*

SECTION 1. No tile or metal chimneys shall be allowed. All masonry chimneys shall rest on a concrete footing six inches thick and except those with solid brick walls eight inches thick, shall be lined throughout with vitreous flue lining, not less than 8"x12" (inside dimensions), and shall be topped at least 2'3" above the highest point of contact with the roof. No chimney shall be supported on wood. No wood closer than 1" to any chimney. Space between chimneys and floor joists to be firestopped.

SECTION 2. Every smoke pipe hole into a chimney shall be provided with a metal thimble. Masonry walls at the back and sides of every fireplace shall be at least 8" thick, if of brick and 12" thick if of stone. All fireplaces shall have dampers. Hearths shall be at least 16" in front of the fireplace openings, and at least 8" wider than the fireplace opening. Wood centers under fireplace hearth arches shall be removed before finishing thereunder. No wood work shall be within 5" of any smoke pipe.

ARTICLE 10. *Roofs*

SECTION 1. No part of any roof shall be constructed in such a manner as to discharge snow, ice or other material upon a public street or sidewalk.

SECTION 2. Any roof hereafter constructed in the Town of Hamilton, shall be covered with a fire-resistive material such as metal, tile, slate, asbestos, shingles, or surfaced asphalt shingles. If asphalt shingles are used, they shall weigh not less than 210 pounds per hundred square feet laid or 64 pounds per hundred square feet of material not laid.

SECTION 3. The roofs of all public buildings hereafter erected or constructed, and the roof of any existing public building hereafter recovered shall be covered and roofed with a non-combustible or fire-retarding material mentioned above.

SECTION 4. When twenty-five per cent or more of a roof covering is hereafter replaced, the new covering shall be one of the fire resistive materials mentioned above.

ARTICLE 11. *Materials (Minimum Requirements)*

Sills 4" x 6".

Girders 6" x 8" or steel "I" Beams.

Floor Joists 2" x 8" to a 14' span — 16" on center.

Floor Joists 2" x 10" to a 18' span — 16" on center.

Studs outside walls and carrying partitions 2" x 4" — 16" on center.

Collar ties 2" x 6".

Rafters 2" x 6" 14 feet in length or under — 16" on center

Rafters 2" x 8" 14 feet or longer — 16" on center.

ARTICLE 12. *Exhaust Fans*

Exhaust fans, which are built into a structure, shall be properly exhausted to the outside. Such fans shall be of an approved type and the installation shall be to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector.

### ARTICLE 13. *Descriptions Not Specified*

SECTION 1. All buildings hereafter erected with a specification not provided for in this Building By-Law, shall be constructed in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Building Inspector.

SECTION 2. All buildings hereafter erected shall be placed on lots in accordance with all the provisions of the Zoning By-Law relating to setbacks and yards, and other pertinent features.

### ARTICLE 14. *Fees*

The following fees shall be paid by applicants for permits into the treasury of the Town before a permit will be issued:

Any dwelling .....	\$10.00
Garage or accessory building .....	3.00
Alteration or addition:	
For operation costing up to \$1,000 .....	3.00
For each \$1,000 of cost above the first \$1,000 .....	1.00

### ARTICLE 15. *Appeals*

The Board of Appeals under the existing Zoning By-Law of the Town of Hamilton shall also act as a Board of Appeals under the Building By-Laws. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Inspector of Buildings may appeal to the Board of Appeals, who shall grant a hearing to the aggrieved and shall render a decision within fourteen days from the date of appeal. Decisions shall require the assent of two members. The Board of Appeals may, in cases where manifest injustice is done or in cases which appear to them not to have been contemplated by the Building By-Laws, suspend or vary the regulations herein. The decision shall specify the variations allowed.

### ARTICLE 16. *Amendments*

This Building By-Law or any part thereof may be modified or repealed as provided by law, at any Town Meeting duly called.

### ARTICLE 17. *Penalties*

Whoever wilfully violates any of the provisions of this Building By-Law shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for each such violation.

### ARTICLE 18. *Invalidity of Any Article*

The invalidity of any article, section or provision of this Building By-Law shall not invalidate any other article, section or provision thereof.



## WIRING BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON

### TITLE

This By-Law shall be known and cited as the ELECTRICAL BY-LAW of the Town of Hamilton as provided under Chapter 166 Section 32 of the General Laws of the COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

### ARTICLE 1.

There shall be appointed annually by the Board of Selectmen an Inspector of Wires. Such appointment shall be made in May of each year and he shall hold office for the term of one year until another is appointed in his place. The Selectmen may at any time remove him. He shall keep a record of the business of his department and submit to the Selectmen in time for publication in the annual town report a yearly report of such business.

The Inspector of Wires must hold a license issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, such license must be kept in force during the term of his service.

### ARTICLE 2.

All electric wiring shall comply with the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters Electrical Code, as amended, and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### ARTICLE 3.

All wiring shall be inspected by the inspector of wires before the building is laid or the wires otherwise covered.

### ARTICLE 4.

A written permit shall be obtained from the Electrical Inspector or his agent prior to starting any electrical work within the Town of Hamilton.

### ARTICLE 5.

The following Fees shall be collected before an electrical permit is issued:

#### NEW CONSTRUCTION

Residential Home (new) .....	\$3.00
Commercial Building .....	\$3.00
per thousand or fraction thereof of the electrical cost.	



## ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS (Current Consuming Outlets)

For 1 through 10 outlets .....	\$ .25
For 11 through 25 outlets .....	.50
For 26 through 50 outlets .....	1.00
For 51 through 100 outlets .....	1.50
For each additional 25 outlets or fractional part thereof in excess of 100 .....	.25
Bell transformers and heat control regulators will be classed as current consuming outlets.	

## MOTORS

For each motor installed .....	.50
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## HEATING DEVICES

For first 2,000 watts or less .....	.50
For each additional 5,000 watts or fractional part .....	.50

## ARTICLE 6.

Whoever wilfully violates any of the provisions of this Electrical Code shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.00 for each such violation.

## ARTICLE 7.

The invalidity of any article, section or provision of this ELECTRICAL BY-LAW shall not invalidate any other article, section of provision thereof.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to place on the official ballot at the 1956 Annual Town Election the following question:

Shall sections sixty-nine C to sixty-nine F, inclusive, of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other departments and town officers be accepted;

or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of compiling and printing a Valuation List of Poll, Personal Property and Real Estate of the Town, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 25. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at each of the three Post Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of January, A.D., 1955.

EDWARD A. DeWITT  
LAWRENCE R. STONE  
EVERETT F. HALEY

*Selectmen of Hamilton*

A true copy, Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,  
*Town Clerk.*

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

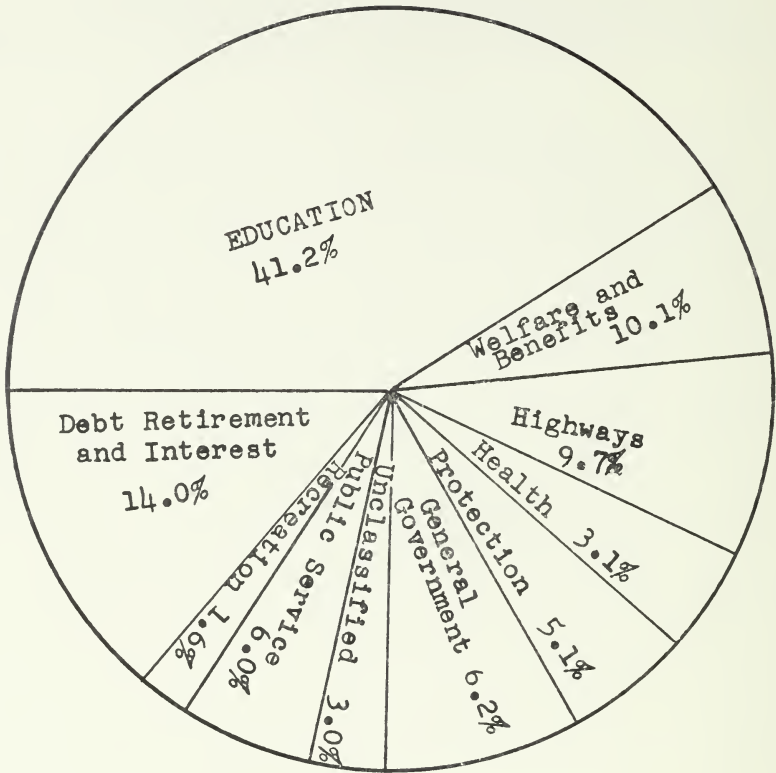
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The budget recommendations for 1955 continued to follow the pattern of the past several years with a substantial increase over 1954. Due to the continued increase of the population of the Town, it has been necessary to provide additional public services, particularly educational, which result in an increase of cost to the Town. This increase in Town Government expense is offset to some extent by the increase in realty valuation arising from newly recorded assessments. By careful consideration of departmental budgets and with the cooperation of department heads and other officials, the Finance Committee feel that this budget has been reduced to an absolute minimum. It has been necessary for 1955, in order to create an equitable wage scale between certain Town departments, to grant increases in certain salary accounts and it is apparent that periodic increases will have to be made for the next several years. Salary adjustments together with the cost of several additional new pieces of equipment for various Town departments constitutes the bulk of the increase of the Town budget. It should be noted that the Town's financial position continues to be strong, but that serious consideration must be given to any further requests for the expenditures of Town funds for 1955 other than those recommended by this committee in the budget as submitted. It seems obvious that some increase in the tax rate will be necessary in order to finance the business of the Town under the budget as recommended. It is hoped that no substantial change in the recommendations will be made. This is particularly important as within the next several months the Town is faced with the purchase of four new classrooms for the School Department that will cost a minimum of \$90,000 and with an increase in classrooms it follows that additional teachers and other services must be obtained. It is hoped by this committee that any increase in the tax rate may be kept at an absolute minimum and yet provide all of the necessary services that are in the best interest of all the taxpayers of the Town.

### DIVISION OF PROPOSED REGULAR BUDGET

Education	\$203,747.02
Debt Retirement and Interest	71,100.00
Welfare & Benefits	51,145.00
Highways	49,040.00
Public Service	30,060.00
General Government	31,233.84
Protection	25,642.00
Health	16,375.00
Recreation	8,775.00
Unclassified	15,000.00

*Total Regular Budget*    \$502,117.86



#### ACTION ON SPECIAL ARTICLES 1955 WARRANT

ARTICLE 5: *Chapter 90 Highways Construction on Linden Street. Cost to the Town, \$3,500.00. Recommended.*

ARTICLE 6: *Alterations and Repairs in the Clerk's Office in the Town Hall. Cost to the Town, \$800.00. Recommended.*

The improvements contemplated in the Town Clerk's office are to remove the now discontinued ventilator shaft which projects into the office and obstructs the Town Clerk's view of the entrance door; and to install fluorescent lighting so as to give adequate illumination.

ARTICLE 7: *Purchase of New Cruiser-Ambulance. Net cost \$1,800.00. Recommended.*

The present Cruiser-Ambulance has been used for three years, and has gone about 75,000 miles. The Finance Committee considers it to be more economical and satisfactory to trade in the present car rather than to try to keep it in repair.

ARTICLE 8: *Purchase of a Truck Chassis for Rubbish Collection. Cost to the Town, \$4,200.00. Recommended.*

The Chassis presently carrying the rubbish body was used by the Highway Department until 1950 when the present rubbish body was mounted upon it. The chassis is now 14 years old and must be replaced, as it is nearly worn out.

ARTICLE 9: *Purchase of new Fire Truck with a Mechanical Ladder. Cost to the Town, \$8,000.00. Recommended.*

This Fire Truck will replace the old GMC which is now 26 years old and is no longer reliable. With the increasing difficulty in recruiting young men to be available for fire call, the present 40 foot ladder, which needs five men to handle it, probably could not be raised in time in case of an emergency. The proposed mechanical ladder can be operated rapidly by one man. Besides the mechanical ladder, this truck will have two aluminum ladders, a ladder pipe, a 500 gallon water tank and booster pumps. There will be space besides to carry the following equipment presently owned by the town, inhalator, forestry pump and generator. There is no doubt that the purchase of this piece of equipment will allow broader and more flexible fire protection to the town.

ARTICLE 10: *Shingling and Repairing the Roof of the Legion Headquarters. Cost to the Town, \$2,000.00. Recommended.*

The present headquarters of the A. P. Gardner Post, American Legion, is in the Walsh School situated in East Hamilton. This building was given for the use of the Legion under the permissive Legislation of the State with, however, the building still remaining Town property. The roof is in bad condition and should be repaired.

ARTICLE 11: *Installation of Water Pipe from Sagamore Street to the Town Dump. Cost to the Town, \$1,800.00. Recommended.*

The Town Dump is often on fire, and it is considered desirable to have a water pipe line from Sagamore Street to the dump to control these fires. Mr. Clock, from whom the Town rents the land for the dump at \$300 per year, has agreed to forego this rent payment for a period of three years, thus assuming one-half the cost of the installation of the pipe line. Mr. Clock has also agreed to lease the dump to the Town for ten years at a \$300 yearly rental.

ARTICLE 12: *Draining Patton Park. Cost to the Town, \$2,500.00. Recommended.*

The present owners of the property across the Bay Road from Patton Park (formerly known as the Anderson property) plan to drain and develop their land. Mr. Charles E. Morse, their engineer, estimates that a 15 inch pipe will have to be laid on the property to drain it properly.



There is no drainage easement of record permitting the run off water from Patton Park to be dumped onto the Anderson property. Patton Park can eventually be adequately drained if its excess water can flow unobstructed across the Anderson property. This can be accomplished if an 18 inch pipe is installed instead of the 15 inch pipe planned if the Anderson property alone is to be drained. The owners of the Anderson property agree to grant a drainage easement to the Town and to lay the larger size pipe, provided that the Town pay the difference between the cost of the smaller size pipe and that of the larger. The cost is estimated to be \$2,500.00.

ARTICLE 14: *Cutler Road Relocation. Cost to the Town, \$1,700.00. Recommended.*

Cutler Road presently cuts very close to the northeast corner of the Congregational Church. With the increased use of the road, the probability of an accident in this location has been increased. The plan on file recommends that the southern fork of Cutler Road join route 1A approximately 75 feet to the north of the present junction. This will eliminate the blind corner around the church, and will move the route of traffic away from the church yard, thus diminishing the likelihood of accidents in this area.

ARTICLE 15: *Extension of Water Mains on Lake Drive. Cost to the Town, \$3,200.00. Not Recommended.*

While the Finance Committee feel that every citizen of the Town is eventually entitled to have town water supplied to him, they still feel that the extension of mains should proceed in orderly manner in accordance with the plan projected into the future by the Water Board, and considered by them to be in the best interest of the town as a whole. In order to carry on the planned extension of water mains, the Finance Committee have recommended an appropriation of \$5,000.00 this year for this purpose. If the Water Board feels that the best interest of the town will be served by extending water mains on Lake Drive, they will do so. The Finance Committee views with disfavor any Article introduced into the Warrant for the benefit of any individual or group of individuals as opposed to that of the town as a whole. They feel that all developments of the town should be carried on in accordance with a proper plan, and not by hit or miss developments for private interest. If the affairs of the town are not being carried on to the satisfaction of the citizens, they can vote each year to replace the town officials with whose performances they are not satisfied.

ARTICLE 16: *Use of Free Cash in Determining Tax Rate. Recommended.*

This Article permits the Assessors to draw on the Excess & Deficiency Fund, \$35,000.00 for money to pay expenses of the 1955 budget in determining the tax rate.



ARTICLE 17: *Committee to Investigate Fluoridation of Town Water. Cost to the Town, \$100.00. Recommended.*

In 1951, \$1,100.00 was voted upon to purchase equipment in order to introduce Fluorine into the town water supply system. For a variety of reasons, including the fact that the equipment was not available when expected, no Fluorine has as yet been introduced into the Hamilton water. More is being learned every year about Fluoridation of public water supplies, and the Water Board has become doubtful about the desirability of adding Fluorine to the Hamilton water. Therefore, they wish to investigate this matter further and to report their findings and recommendations to the Town at the regular meeting in 1956.

ARTICLE 18: *Committee to Investigate the Improvement of the Electrical Service in the Town. Cost to the Town, \$500.00. Recommended.*

The Finance Committee agree that the electrical service supplied by the Essex County Electric Company in the town of Hamilton could be better, particularly in view of the slowness in repairs to the wires after hurricane Carol last summer.

ARTICLE 19: *Committee to Study Advisability of New Quarters for the Fire Department and the Police Department. Recommended.*

This committee will spend no money, and as there is and has been considerable agitation among various groups for new quarters for the Police and Fire Departments, the Finance Committee feel that the matter should be thoroughly investigated and a report made so that the Town may be able to vote intelligently thereon.

ARTICLE 20: *Adoption of Building and Electrical Code. Recommended.*

The Finance Committee feel that the adoption of the proposed Building and Electrical Code will protect the citizens of the town from dangerous or unscrupulous practices by occasional contractors or individuals. If this code is adopted, the town should vote \$1,800.00 with which to hire an inspector.

ARTICLE 21: *Placing of the Question of Public Works Department on the 1956 ballot. Recommended.*

At this time the Finance Committee do not recommend either the adoption or the rejection of a Public Works Department. However, they do recommend that this question be placed on the Ballot in 1956. This will allow the Town one more year to consider the advantages and disadvantages of having a Public Works Department, and, further, it will give all voters of the Town a chance to express their wishes in accordance with the State Law on this important matter.

ARTICLE 22: *Publication of Property Valuation and Tax List. Cost to the Town, \$2,000.00. Not Recommended.*

At the Annual Town Meeting in 1947, the town voted to publish a book including the Valuation List and Poll, Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes of the Town of Hamilton for that year and then in 1950 and subsequently every five years thereafter. These books were published in 1947 and in 1950. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that money spent for this publication is wasted. As far as they can learn, these lists are seldom used and when used are unnecessary, even if convenient, because all the information contained in these books is available at the Town Hall to any interested citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC WINTHROP, *Chairman*

WILLIAM M. FOLEY

JOHN C. GARLAND

LAWRENCE E. PELKEY

ROBERT H. CHITTICK. III

Item

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Expended 1952	Expended 1953	Expended 1954	Recommended 1955
1 MODERATOR	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
2 FINANCE COMMITTEE				
3 SELECTMEN:				
4 Salaries	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
5 Clerical	999.70	1,100.00	1,680.00	2,240.00
6 Expenses	1,963.80	2,265.37	2,215.23	2,500.00
7 Equipment		287.43	212.57	500.00
8 ACCOUNTANTS:				
9 Salary	2,530.00	2,800.00	3,050.00	3,500.00
10 Expenses	249.16	247.38	299.93	300.00
11 TREASURER:				
12 Salary	1,300.00	1,400.00	1,500.00	1,600.00
13 Expenses	460.85	495.56	560.57	475.00
14 TAX COLLECTOR:				
15 Salary	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,800.00
16 Expenses	625.54	590.04	649.99	750.00
17 ASSESSORS:				
18 Salaries & Wages*	2,129.38	2,205.63	2,227.70	2,500.00
19 Expenses	382.92	466.68	413.01	460.00
* Assessors get \$10 per day while working				
20 LAW:				
21 Salary	400.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
22 Expenses				200.00
23 TOWN CLERK:				
24 Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
25 Expenses	237.83	239.90	299.95	300.00
26 Equipment			49.60	

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2,240.00  
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<i>Item</i>	<i>Expended 1952</i>	<i>Expended 1953</i>	<i>Expended 1954</i>	<i>Recommended 1955</i>
27 ELECTION & REGISTRATION:				
28   Expenses	2,278.42	1,853.14	1,991.96	2,000.00
29 TOWN HALL				
30   Salary	2,517.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,900.00
31   Expenses	2,023.52	1,996.18	2,310.81	2,350.00
32   Office Equipment		797.81	500.00	
33   Repairs		500.00	200.00	
34   Painting Town Hall	2,518.10			
35 ESSEX COUNTY PENSION FUND:				
36   Contributions	2,424.59	3,736.49	3,950.75	4,388.84
37 TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	26,705.81	28,296.61	29,522.07	31,233.84
38 PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
39 POLICE:				
40   Salary & Wages of Chief & Special Officers	8,090.35	8,158.10	8,541.65	9,700.00
41   Expenses	898.07	1,696.39	1,991.67	2,000.00
42   New Uniforms	680.84		300.00	300.00
43   Cruiser Maintenance		499.89		
44   Cruiser Radio Purchase				
45   Cruiser Purchase	1,656.40			
46 TOTAL POLICE	11,325.66	10,347.38	10,833.32	12,000.00
47 FIRE:				
48   Wages	2,231.25	2,270.75	2,237.80	2,310.00
49   Expenses	2,328.90	2,719.08	3,471.75	2,210.00
50 TOTAL FIRE	4,560.15	4,989.83	5,809.55	5,520.00
51 OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE	793.40	513.15	46.15	
52 SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:				
53   Salary	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
54   Expenses	98.67	98.30	98.08	100.00
TOTAL SEALER	328.67	328.30	328.08	330.00

<i>Item</i>	<i>Expended 1952</i>	<i>Expended 1953</i>	<i>Expended 1954</i>	<i>Recommended 1955</i>
MOTH — TOWN:				
Salary of Supt.	1,472.00	1,670.00	1,670.00	1,770.00
Wages	885.00	944.32	591.36	990.00
Expenses	371.45	447.83	480.92	500.00
TOTAL MOTH — TOWN	2,728.45	3,062.15	2,742.28	3,260.00
MOTH — PRIVATE				
Salary of Supt.	522.00	360.00	360.00	380.00
Wages	328.11	199.20	268.80	380.00
Expenses	342.95	299.36	272.85	300.00
TOTAL MOTH — PRIVATE	1,192.06	858.56	901.65	1,060.00
TREE WARDEN:				
Salary	930.00	1,170.00	1,170.00	1,250.00
Wages	1,303.50	1,262.56	752.64	1,322.00
Expenses	494.96	150.09	159.29	160.00
Special — Planting Trees	90.00	170.00	380.05	200.00
Special — Storm Damage	695.00			
Special — Pruning Elms		500.00	382.50	500.00
TOTAL TREE WARDEN	3,513.46	3,253.45	2,844.48	3,432.00
FOREST FIRE WARDEN:				
Salary	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Expenses	63.03	48.65		
TOTAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN	103.03	88.65	40.00	40.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	24,544.88	23,941.36	23,499.36	25,642.00
HEALTH & SANITATION				
BOARD OF HEALTH:				
Salaries	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Clerk	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00

<i>Item</i>	<i>Expended 1952</i>	<i>Expended 1953</i>	<i>Expended 1954</i>	<i>Recommended 1955</i>
82 Milk Inspector	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
83 Expenses	481.86	1,248.42	1,043.40	1,500.00
84 Rubbish Collection *	3,217.17	3,695.33	4,493.53	(
85 Garbage Collection	2,600.00	3,100.00	2,923.00	(10,980.00
86 <i>TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH</i>	6,554.03	8,298.75	8,714.93	(12,735.00
87 <i>DENTAL CLINIC:</i>				
88 Salary of Nurse	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
89 Expenses	2,351.00	2,599.60	2,739.10	3,300.00
90 <i>TOTAL DENTAL CLINIC</i>	2,551.00	2,799.60	2,939.10	3,500.00
91 <i>INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:</i>				
92 Salary	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
93 Expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
94 <i>TOTAL INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS</i>	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00
95 <i>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; SANITATION</i>	9,245.03	11,238.35	11,794.03	16,375.00
96 <i>HIGHWAYS:</i>				
97 Salary of Supt. & Surveyor	3,120.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,400.00
98 Wages of Drivers & Helpers	9,518.65	11,149.32	12,076.40	12,880.00
99 Labor & Expenses	3,828.57	5,184.19	5,098.26	4,860.00
100 Sidewalks	1,261.02	2,540.00	1,652.98	2,000.00
101 Gravel Roads	4,092.71	4,994.16	6,980.22	9,000.00
102 Chapt. 90 — Maintenance	662.00	999.30		
103 Chapt. 90 — Construction	2,463.00	4,985.35	6,948.67	3,500.00
104 Snow Removal & Sanding	4,604.78	4,520.00	5,256.18	5,000.00
105 Street Lighting	8,357.42	8,818.90	9,004.30	10,000.00
106 Forest Street		587.20		
107 Tractor Purchase		4,253.50		
108 New Truck Purchased			4,105.97	
109 <i>TOTAL HIGHWAYS</i>	51,231.92	46,987.42	54,323.07	50,640.00
110 <i>WELFARE:</i>				



<i>Item</i>	<i>Expended 1952</i>	<i>Expended 1953</i>	<i>Expended 1954</i>	<i>Recommended 1955</i>
111 PUBLIC WELFARE:				
112 Salaries	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
113 Expenses	3,726.42	2,077.87	2,951.56	4,000.00
114 TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE	3,846.42	2,197.87	3,071.56	4,120.00
115 DISABILITY ASSISTANCE	4,382.00	3,255.07	3,387.12	5,000.00
116 OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:				
117 Assistance	30,035.69	29,760.07	29,994.23	30,000.00
118 Administration	1,971.77	871.98	1,237.71	2,000.00
119 TOTAL OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	32,007.46	30,632.05	31,231.94	32,000.00
120 AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:				
121 Aid	2,194.40	2,324.16	4,560.31	6,000.00
122 Administration				25.00
123 TOTAL AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	2,194.40	2,324.16	4,560.31	6,025.00
124 TOTAL WELFARE	42,430.28	38,463.25	42,250.93	47,145.00
125 VETERAN'S BENEFITS:				
126 Benefits	2,615.52	3,069.90	2,777.03	4,000.00
127 EDUCATION:				
128 General Expense	9,386.03	10,394.04	11,468.41	12,525.00
129 Expense of Instruction	80,741.44	96,022.90	110,414.18	132,060.02
130 EXPENSES:				
131 Text Books & Supplies	5,936.86	6,788.93	7,313.70	8,615.00
132 Operation of Plant	11,409.33	17,715.91	20,464.00	23,550.00
133 Maintenance of Plant	501.26	990.33	2,300.48	3,740.00
134 Auxiliary Agencies	13,651.93	13,834.37	14,957.47	16,752.00
135 Outlay	704.00	788.08	261.85	1,255.00
136 TOTAL EXPENSES	32,204.27	40,117.62	45,297.50	53,912.00
137 TOTAL SALARIES & EXPENSES	122,331.74	146,533.56	167,180.09	198,497.62
138 SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	1,171.80	2,126.53	804.35	1,600.00
139 TOTAL SCHOOLS	123,503.54	148,660.09	167,984.44	200,097.02*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Expended 1952</i>	<i>Expended 1953</i>	<i>Expended 1954</i>	<i>Recommended 1955</i>
LIBRARIES:				
Salaries—Main Library	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,191.67	1,350.00
Branch “				
Janitor “				
Expenses	2,190.26	2,557.91	2,410.91	2,300.00
TOTAL LIBRARIES	3,440.26	3,807.91	3,602.58	3,650.00
TOTAL EDUCATION	126,995.80	152,468.00	170,587.02	203,747.02
RECREATION:				
PARK DEPARTMENT:				
Salary of Supt.	2,746.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,900.00
Salary of Instructors	648.00	850.00	893.42	945.00
Labor	899.74	899.69	1,391.76	1,400.00
Expense	1,209.87	1,248.07	1,844.21	2,030.00
Resurfacing Tennis Court			1,200.00	
Toilet Structure—Patton Park			4,997.85	1,500.00
New Equipment				8,775.00
TOTAL RECREATION	5,503.60	5,747.76	13,077.24	
PUBLIC SERVICE:				
WATER DEPARTMENT:				
Salary of Supt.	3,120.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,400.00
Salary of Assistants	2,050.00	2,700.00	2,750.00	5,600.00
Salary of Clerk	700.00	800.00	800.00	900.00
Extra Labor	1,466.76	1,527.25	1,138.75	11,085.00
Expenses	8,503.63	10,492.94	13,088.03	5,000.00
Extension of Mains		5,020.88	1,492.12	
Purchase of Compressor				25,985.00
TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	20,996.82	23,749.07	27,464.15	

<i>Item</i>	<i>Expended 1952</i>	<i>Expended 1953</i>	<i>Expended 1954</i>	<i>Recommended 1955</i>
CEMETERY:				
165 Salary of Commissioner	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
166 Salary of Supt.	2,746.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,900.00
167 Salary of Clerk	100.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
169 Wages & Expenses	1,038.83	1,482.73	1,346.24	900.00
170 TOTAL CEMETERY	3,959.83	3,922.55	4,371.24	4,075.00
171 TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE	24,956.65	27,671.62	31,835.39	30,060.00
172 MATURING DEBT:				
173 Maturing Debt	18,000.00	59,000.00	59,000.00	59,000.00
174 Interest	8,307.08	13,857.42	12,699.75	12,100.00
175 TOTAL MATURING DEBT	26,307.08	72,857.42	71,699.75	71,100.00
176 UNCLASSIFIED:				
177 Town Reports	1,310.26	1,478.89	1,597.00	1,700.00
178 Town Clock	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
179 Memorial Day	622.87	648.76	637.37	700.00
180 American Legion	1,000.00	990.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
181 Insurance	2,938.47	8,767.48	5,773.63	6,000.00
182 Planning Board	12.00	278.88	365.90	500.00
183 Finance Committee—Reserve Fund	2,930.00	4,764.76	2,319.21	5,000.00
184 TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	8,914.40	17,029.27	11,793.11	15,000.00
185 TOTAL OF ABOVE ITEMS	336,127.21	432,079.30	463,205.15	502,117.86
186 RECOMMENDED SPECIAL ARTICLES *** IN WARRANT				
187 GRAND TOTAL	10,600.00	8,135.00	15,107.72	26,900.00
( ) Special Articles included in line 185 above	346,727.21	440,124.30	478,312.87	529,017.86
*At a Special Meeting in December, 1954, there was appropriated the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Excess & Deficiency Fund to purchase a new Rubbish Truck. Not included in the above figures.	(8,000.00)	(3,500.00)	(1,875.00)	(3,500.00)
**Reimbursement to the Town by the State from the income tax for School Aid—\$26,274.85				
***Does not include the use of free cash for Assessors to use in determining the tax rate.			20,000.00	35,000.00



REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

1954





## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report for the year ending December 31, 1954, showing the amount and source of all receipts, the amount of appropriations and expenditures therefrom, purposes of expenditures, town indebtedness, condition of trust funds and a balance sheet.

Although the law provides that such statement shall be in accordance with classification prescribed by the director of accounts, I have further extended the classification of expenditures to make such information readily available to those who desire it. Any additional information will be gladly given to all residents of the town by calling at the office.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all for any assistance rendered me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

*Town Accountant.*

## RECEIPTS

## TAXES

## Previous Years:

1953 Personal Property	\$760 20
1953 Real Estate	10,127 11

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 10,887 31

## Current Year:

Poll Taxes	1,992 00
Personal Property	24,673 11
Real Estate	294,486 27

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 321,151 38

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 332,038 69

## LICENSES AND PERMITS

## Alcoholic Beverages:

Package Store—All Alcoholic (3)	450 00
Package Store—Wine & Beer (1)	75 00
Restaurant—All Alcoholic (2)	700 00
Club—All Alcoholic (2)	300 00

Common Victulars	10 00
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Lord's Day	16 00
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Motor Vehicle Dealer	10 00
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Ice Cream Mfg.	5 00
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Junk Collector	20 00
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Second Hand Articles	4 00
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Sale of Firearms	2 00
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Pistol Permits	29 50
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Day Care of Children	1 00
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Amusement Devices	60 00
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Milk	13 00
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Sewage Disposal	385 00
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## GRANTS AND GIFTS

## From State:

Income Tax	24,204 85
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Corporation Tax	21,600 00
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Old Age Meals Tax	1,236 03
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Loss of Taxes on State Land	6,020 95
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Cooperative Snow Plowing	49 00
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State Pedlars License	16 00
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Tuberculosis Subsidy	190 00
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School Aid—Chap 70	16,200 00
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School—Transportation Aid	5,972 40
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School Vocational Education	579 97
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School Construction Aid	23,025 71
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Highway Construction Chap. 90	3,588 84
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 102,683 75

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 102,683 75

Carried forward

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 \$436,802 94

Brought forward			\$436,802 94
From County:			
Dog Tax Refund	715 51		
Highway Construction Chap. 90	1,444 48		
	<hr/>	2,159 99	
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	SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
1953 Moth	45 30		
1954 Moth	910 25		
	<hr/>	955 55	
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	PRIVILEGES		
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	6,308 22		
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	37,991 34		
	<hr/>	44,299 56	
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	PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Sealers Fees	70 75		
Court Fines	104 75		
	<hr/>	175 50	
		<hr/>	175 50
	HEALTH		
Dental Clinic Fees	523 45		
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	PUBLIC WELFARE		
General Relief:			
From State	1,005 00		
From Cities and Towns	255 94		
	<hr/>	1,260 94	
Disability Assistance:			
From State—Assistance	1,372 39		
From State—Administration	32 36		
	<hr/>	1,404 75	
Aid to Dependent Children			
From State—Assistance	1,958 22		
	<hr/>	1,958 22	
Old Age Assistance:			
From State—Assistance	15,924 02		
Towns and Cities	1,077 16		
	<hr/>	17,001 18	
Federal Grants:			
Disability Assistance:			
Assistance	1,062 21		
Administration	64 73		
Aid to Dependent Children:			
Assistance	2,036 60		
Administration	192 88		
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Carried forward			\$484,916 99

Brought forward			\$484,916 99
Old Age Assistance:			
Assistance	18,647 46		
Administration	790 60		
	<hr/>	22,794 48	
		<hr/>	44,419 57
	VETERANS' BENEFITS		
From State	667 84		
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	SCHOOLS		
Tuition—Towns & Individuals	1,417 50		
Cafeteria—Sale of Lunches	16,233 36		
Cafeteria—Federal Grants	5,633 59		
Athletic Receipts	290 80		
Sale of Supplies	45 19		
Rent of Gym	34 63		
	<hr/>	23,655 07	
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	PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Fines—Main Library	8 46		
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	WATER DEPARTMENT		
Meter Rates	29,017 73		
Services	1,281 67		
Liens	47 10		
	<hr/>	30,346 50	
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	CEMETERY		
Care of Lots and Graves	545 00		
Care of Endowed Lots	612 00		
Interments	484 00		
Sale of Lots and Graves	1,235 00		
	<hr/>	2,876 00	
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	INTEREST		
On 1953 Taxes	238 48		
On 1954 Taxes	88 81		
On Motor Excise	35 78		
On Water Services	1 29		
On Checking Acct. (Day Trust Co.)	46 36		
	<hr/>	410 72	
		<hr/>	410 72
	REFUNDS		
Departmental Overpayments	1,464 96		
Insurance Premium	98 88		
	<hr/>	1,563 84	
		<hr/>	1,563 84
Carried forward			\$588,864 99

Brought forward

\$588,864 99

## AGENCY AND TRUSTS

Withholding Tax	23,649 60		
Retirement Deductions	3,555 15		
Dog Licenses for County	958 40		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	775 00		
	<hr/>	28,938 15	
		<hr/>	28,938 15

## MISCELLANEOUS

Sale of Truck Body	51 00		
Discount on Purchase	17		
Canadian Check Exchange	14		
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	500 00		
Town of Manchester,			
Assessment Lieu of Taxes	252 00		
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Total Receipts 1954			\$618,606 45

## EXPENDITURES

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 SELECTMEN

## Salaries and Wages:

Edward A. DeWitt	365 41	
Everett F. Haley	373 74	
Lawrence R. Stone	345 00	
Arthur M. Knight	65 85	
Elisabeth Walke, Clerical	1,680 00	
Frank W. Buzzell, Bldg. Insp.	250 00	
Hugh MacDonald, Dog Officer	150 00	
	<hr/>	3,230 00

## Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Supplies	191 29	
Association Dues, Expenses	41 50	
Traffic Signs	249 10	
Street Signs	248 10	
Law Books	66 00	
Street Numbering	166 50	
Surveying	598 50	
Directory	24 00	
Typewriter Service, Repairs	24 20	
Town Maps	98 35	
Publishing, Advertising	14 69	
Confining Dogs	58 50	
Filing Equipment	74 50	
	<hr/>	1,855 23

## Special—Equipment

Vault Files	212 57	
	<hr/>	5,297 80

## ACCOUNTING

## Salary:

Francis H. Whipple, Acct.	3,050 00	
	<hr/>	3,050 00

## Expenses:

Supplies, Forms, Postage	233 23	
Association Dues, Expenses	37 50	
Adding Machine Service	10 50	
Typewriter Repairs	18 70	
	<hr/>	299 93
	<hr/>	3,349 93

Carried forward

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 \$8,647 73



Brought forward

\$8,647 73

## TREASURY

## Salary:

Walfred B. Sellman, Treas.	1,500 00	
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## Expenses:

Surety Bond	163 20	
Burglary Insurance	35 00	
Supplies, Forms, Postage	200 62	
Association Dues	2 00	
Typewriter Exchange	131 25	
Typing	28 50	
	<hr/>	560 57
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		2,060 57

## COLLECTOR

## Salary:

Bertha L. Crowell, Collector	1,700 00	
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## Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Supplies	436 19	
Surety Bond	181 80	
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00	
Adding Machine Repairs	25 00	
Association Dues	2 00	
	<hr/>	649 99
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		2,349 99

## ASSESSORS

## Wages:

Jesse S. Mann	240 00	
Robert H. Chittick	640 00	
Elmo O. Adams	980 00	
Arthur L. Bennett	110 00	
Bertha L. Crowell, Clerical	257 70	
	<hr/>	2,227 70

## Expenses:

Postage, Forms, Supplies	45 63	
Abstracts	114 78	
Transportation	143 00	
Association Dues, Expenses	21 50	
Typewriter Service, Repairs	32 10	
Filing Cabinet	56 00	
	<hr/>	413 01
		<hr/>
		2,640 71

Carried forward

\$15,699 00

Brought forward

\$15,699 00

## LAW

## Salary:

Standish Bradford, Counsel	800 00		
	<u>          </u>	800 00	
		<u>          </u>	800 00

## TOWN CLERK

## Salary:

Francis H. Whipple, Town Clerk	1,000 00		
	<u>          </u>	1,000 00	

## Expenses:

Postage, Supplies, Tel.	142 45		
Association Dues, Expenses	47 20		
Abstracts and Recordings	70 00		
Surety Bond	5 00		
Typewriter Service	12 10		
Binding Records	16 50		
Attending Meetings, Hearings	6 70		
	<u>          </u>	299 95	

## Special Office Equipment:

Filing Equipment	49 60		
	<u>          </u>	49 60	
		<u>          </u>	1,349 55

## ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

## Salaries—Registrars of Voters

Frank W. Buzzell	60 00		
Jessie W. B. Cunningham	60 00		
Lawrence Lamson	60 00		
Francis H. Whipple	60 00		
	<u>          </u>	240 00	

## Expenses:

Annual Listing	230 00		
Election Officers	508 00		
Janitors (School)	43 50		
Printing and Supplies	523 70		
Clerical Work	60 00		
Rubber Matting	162 40		
Loud Speaker System (Rental)	50 00		
Telephone	16 00		
Voting Booth Repairs	15 77		
Food	142 59		
	<u>          </u>	1,751 96	
		<u>          </u>	1,991 96

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\$19,840 51

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Expenses:

Association Dues	10 00		
	<hr/>	10 00	
		<hr/>	10 00

## PLANNING BOARD

## Expenses:

Printing, Zoning Maps	170 27		
Advertising	87 00		
Regional Conference Expenses	62 75		
Stenographic Services	45 88		
	<hr/>	365 90	
		<hr/>	365 90

## TOWN HALL

## Salary:

Lester F. Stanley, Janitor	2,750 00		
	<hr/>	2,750 00	

## Expenses:

Fuel	576 00		
Electric Current	282 78		
Gas. Emergency Lights	7 00		
Water Rates	31 00		
Telephone	281 53		
Janitor's Supplies	59 52		
Electrical Repairs	114 89		
Electric Lights	153 50		
Stoker Repairs	144 40		
Vault Shelves	158 46		
Carpentry Work	82 75		
Maintenance of Bldg.	89 98		
Power Mower	124 00		
Linoleum	180 00		
Flowers	25 00		
	<hr/>	2,310 81	

## Special Office Equipment:

Filing Equipment	421 50		
Vault Shelving	78 50		
	<hr/>	500 00	

## Special Alterations:

Est. Donald G. Trussell			
Balance on Contract	200 00	200 00	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	5,760 81

Carried forward

\$25,977 22

Brought forward

\$25,977 22

## POLICE

## Salary:

Edward Frederick, Chief 3,401 65

## Wages:

Stanley E. Allen, Jr. 394 00

Lester D. Charles 915 00

Frederick R. Johnson 441 00

Robert W. Poole 391 00

Ray M. Sanford, Jr. 703 00

John S. Sargent 852 00

Hugh C. Wentworth 1,249 00

Other Officers 195 00

8,541 65

## Expenses:

Rent 360 00

Telephone 262 34

Maintenance of Cruiser 902 47

Maintenance of Radio 169 00

Supplies and Equipment 75 29

Electric Current 15 21

Heating Oil 92 34

Cruiser Insurance 58 75

Matron Services 53 38

Photographs 3 00

1,991 78

## New Uniforms:

Smith and Bennett, Uniforms 300 00 300 00

10,833 43

## FIRE

## Salaries and Wages:

A. Merrill Cummings, Chief 200 00

Rudolph H. Haraden, Clerk 50 00

Winslow B. Dodge, Janitor 200 00

Call Firemen 1,787 80

2,237 80

## Expenses:

Coal 207 20

Electric Current 60 64

Water Rates 25 00

Maintenance of Building 17 59

Equipment and Supplies 288 84

Telephone 230 10

Carried forward

\$36,810 65

Brought forward

\$36,810 65

Maintenance of Trucks	1,984 01
Truck Insurance	358 77
New Hose	292 60
Domestic Gas	7 00

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 3,471 75

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 5,709 55

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary:

Ewing A. Maxwell, Sealer	230 00
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 230 00

Expenses:

Transportation	76 75
Supplies	21 33

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 98 08

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 328 08

## MOTH

Salaries and Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	1,670 00
Winslow B. Dodge	591 36

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 2,261 36

Expenses:

Insecticides	218 71
Maintenance of Truck	136 35
Telephone	41 60
Tools and Supplies	10 76
Liability Insurance	15 00
Truck Insurance	51 50
Association Dues, Expenses	7 00

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 480 92

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 2,742 28

## MOTH—PRIVATE PROPERTY

Salaries and Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	360 00
Winslow B. Dodge	268 80

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 628 80

Expenses:

Insecticides	271 65
Pump Repairs	1 20

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 272 85

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 901 65

## TREE WARDEN

Rudolph H. Haraden, Warden	1,170 00
Winslow B. Dodge	752 64

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 1,922 64

Carried forward

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 \$46,492 21

Brought forward

\$46,492 21

## Expenses:

Maintenance of Truck	57 85	
Telephone	3 75	
Chains for Saw	45 30	
Repairing Chain Saw	10 89	
Tools and Supplies	20 25	
Tree Climber (Dodge Associates)	21 25	
		159 29

## Special Planting Trees:

Winslow B. Dodge, Labor	44 80	
Purchase of Trees	335 25	
		380 05

## Special—Pruning Elms:

Dodge Associates	382 50	
		382 50

2,844 48

## FOREST WARDEN

## Salaries and Wages:

A. Merrill Cummings, Warden	40 00	
		40 00

40 00

## CIVIL DEFENSE

## Expenses:

Auxiliary Police Supplies	46 15	
		46 15

46 15

## HURRICANE RELIEF

## Wages:

Donald G. Haraden	898 50	
Lewis K. Pierce	150 96	
Robert A. Tucker	173 46	
Frank E. Manthorn	238 78	
Alden Southwick	226 88	
Herbert E. Harraden	115 58	
Frank C. Back	71 68	
Archie Moore	212 32	
Robert Poole	314 44	
Winslow B. Dodge	720 00	
Walter Cheever	241 36	
Other Wages	3,012 28	
		6,376 24

Carried forward

\$49,422 84



Brought forward

\$49,422 84

## Expenses:

Rental of Chain Saws	661 50
" " Trucks	1,014 00
" " Bulldozer	1,119 00
" " Shovel	198 00
" " Trailer	165 00
Purchase of Chain Saws	757 55
Repairs of Chain Saws	136 96
Tools	50 30
Sharpening Tools	29 65
Gas, Oil for Saws	18 70
Transportation	13 00
Labor furnished by Contractors	1,605 25
Gravel	3 00
Loam	9 00
Walsh School Roof Repairs	17 28

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 5,798 19

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 12,174 43

## HEALTH

## Salaries and Wages:

Everett F. Haley	52 50
Edward A. DeWitt	26 05
Lawrence R. Stone	30 00
Arthur M. Knight	11 45
Francis H. Whipple, Clerk	60 00
Ernest M. Barker, Milk Insp.	75 00

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 255 00

## Expenses:

Postage, Supplies	59 60
Printing	106 25
Publishing Regulations	17 81
Patients at Essex Sanatorium	133 50
Immunizations	12 00
Chest x-ray Program	98 68
Sewage Inspections	470 00
Abating Nuisances	145 56

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 1,043 40

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 1,298 40

## Rubbish Collection:

## Wages:

Walter Cheever	766 80
Herbert Harraden	295 68
Ralph Keith	255 52

Carried forward

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 \$62,895 67

Brought forward			\$62,895 67
Archie Moore	210 72		
Harold Morgan	905 00		
Alden Southwick	811 04		
Other Labor	143 36		
	<hr/>	3,388 12	
Expenses:			
Maintenance of Trucks	517 36		
Bulldozer Hire	243 00		
Rent of Dump	300 00		
Other Expenses	45 05		
	<hr/>	1,105 41	
		<hr/>	4,493 53
Garbage Collection:			
Nicholas Papanicholas, Contract	2,875 00		
Labor	48 00		
	<hr/>	2,923 00	
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DENTAL CLINIC			
Dr. John King, Dentist	2,722 00		
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	200 00		
Insurance	17 10		
	<hr/>	2,939 10	
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MAINTENANCE OF ESSEX SANATORIUM			
County Treasurer	6,347 77		
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		<hr/>	6,347 77
ANIMAL INSPECTOR			
Ernest M. Barker, Inspector	90 00		
Transportation	50 00		
	<hr/>	140 00	
		<hr/>	140 00
HIGHWAYS			
Salaries and Wages:			
Charles F. Poole, Surveyor	3,200 00		
Lewis K. Pierce	2,249 44		
Robert A. Tucker	1,873 84		
Frank E. Manthorn	1,742 72		
Frank C. Back	1,917 44		
Archie Moore	1,680 00		
Alden Southwick	1,102 08		
Herbert Harraden	537 60		
Other Labor	973 28		
	<hr/>	15,276 40	
Carried forward			<hr/> \$79,739 07

Brought forward

\$79,739 07

## Expenses:

Gas, Oil, Maint. of Trucks	2,474 83
Truck Insurance	300 20
Tools, Supplies, Equipment	351 83
Patching Material	737 19
Catch Basin Blocks, Cement	39 09
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	252 00
Pipe	11 25
Lumber	74 21
Heating Oil	58 43
Truck Hire	45 00
Shovel Hire	189 00
Grader Hire	348 00
Mowing Shoulders	85 00
Surveying, Engineering	110 00
Stone	19 73
Advertising	2 50

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 5,098 26

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 20,374 66

## GRAVEL ROADS

## Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	130 56
Robert A. Tucker	113 28
Frank E. Manthorn	107 52
Frank C. Back	107 52
Alden Southwick	103 04
Herbert E. Harraden	103 04
Archie Moore	107 52

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 772 48

## Expenses:

Surveying, Engineering	334 00
Road Oil	1,296 33
Catch Basin Frames and Grates	252 00
Catch Basin Blocks	483 72
Pipe	970 74
Gravel, Sand, Loam	1,218 95
Cement	13 00
Grader Hire	546 00
Truck Hire	348 00
Shovel Hire	410 00
Bulldozer Hire	36 00
Roller Hire	299 00

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 6,207 74

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 6,980 22

Carried forward

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 \$107,093 95

Brought forward

\$107,093 95

## SIDEWALKS

## Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	141 44
Robert H. Tucker	122 72
Frank E. Manthorn	116 48
Frank C. Back	116 48
Archie Moore	116 48
Alden Southwick	58 24
Other Labor	89 60

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## Expenses:

Hot Top Material	818 05
Gravel	50 00
Lumber	9 49
Engineering, Surveying	14 00

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 1,652 98

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

## Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	65 28
Robert A. Tucker	66 08
Frank E. Manthorn	71 68

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 203 04

## Expenses:

A. Menici & Son	
Balance 1953 Contract	3,448 67
Trimont Oil Co.	
Hot Top Contract	3,261 51
Loam	22 50
Gravel	12 00
Tools	95

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 6,745 63

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 6,948 67

## TRUCK PURCHASE

Ipswich Motor Co., Dump Truck	2,935 00
Sand Spreader	335 00
Snow Plow	750 00
Side Boards	19 04
Tire Chains	66 93

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 4,105 97

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Carried forward

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 \$119,801 57

Brought forward

\$119,801 57

## SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

## Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	327 76	
Robert A. Tucker	244 26	
Frank E. Manthorn	254 24	
Alden Southwick	115 36	
Archie Moore	103 04	
Frank C. Back	116 48	
Other Labor	893 66	
	<hr/>	2,054 80

## Expenses:

Gas, Oil, Maint. of Trucks	199 39	
Equipment and Repairs	223 15	
Sand Spreader	335 00	
Salt	512 00	
Sand	156 04	
Snow Fence	53 30	
Truck and Equipment Hire	1,722 50	
	<hr/>	3,201 38
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		5,256 18

## STREET LIGHTING

Essex County Electric Co.	9,004 39	
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		9,004 39

## PUBLIC WELFARE

## Salaries and Wages:

Lawrence R. Stone	60 00	
Everett F. Haley	30 00	
Edward A. DeWitt	24 27	
Arthur M. Knight	5 73	
	<hr/>	120 00

## Expenses:

Cash Grants	1,006 80	
Medical Care	15 50	
Board and Care of Children	513 00	
Food	29 49	
Hospitalization	748 00	
Other Cities and Towns	491 90	
Commodity Expenses	43 97	
Association Dues, Expenses	27 60	
Office Supplies, Equipment	75 30	
	<hr/>	2,951 56
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		3,071 56

Carried forward

\$137,133 70

Brought forward

\$137,133 70

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town Funds			
Assistance Payments	3,387 12		
Federal Funds			
Assistance Payment	92 55		
	<hr/>	3,479 67	
		<hr/>	3,479 67

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Funds			
Assistance Payments	4,560 31		
Federal Funds			
Assistance Payments	1,046 00		
	<hr/>	5,606 31	
		<hr/>	5,606 31

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Funds			
Assistance Payments	28,329 53		
Other Cities and Towns	1,664 70		
	<hr/>	29,994 23	
Federal Funds			
Assistance Payments	17,874 00		
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		<hr/>	47,868 23

## OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Town Funds			
Francis H. Whipple, Agent	586 47		
Elizabeth Walke, Clerical	400 00		
Office Supplies, Equipment	94 55		
Association Dues, Expenses	70 59		
Transportation	86 10		
	<hr/>	1,237 71	
Federal Administration		804 45	
		<hr/>	2,042 16

## VETERANS' BENEFITS

Cash Grants	2,169 50		
Medical Care	62 53		
Food	20 00		
Association Dues	5 00		
Administration	520 00		
	<hr/>	2,777 03	
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Carried forward

\$198,907 10



Brought forward

\$198,907 10

## SCHOOLS

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Douglas A. Chandler, Supt.	7,100 00	
Elizabeth Edmondson, Clerk	3,450 00	
Truant Officer	150 00	
School Census	150 00	
Superintendent's Travel	460 70	
Association Dues, Expenses	30 00	
Office Expenses	110 21	
Subscriptions	17 50	
	<hr/>	11,468 41

## EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

## Teachers Salaries:

Edith Anderson	3,649 92
Wilbur Armstrong	4,199 96
Ruth Austen	3,699 96
Margaret Batchelder	3,649 92
Mary Bergman	1,266 64
Doris Blood	2,683 28
Millicent Boswell	3,999 96
Ellen Duffy	3,799 92
Harriet Erskine	3,033 32
Doris Foster	3,033 32
Marshall Gero	3,766 64
Esther Goddard	3,166 64
Ruth Harris	3,049 92
Nena Hayes	3,149 92
Gloria Hussey	1,030 64
Dorothy Jones	3,049 92
Marian Joseph	4,033 32
Janet Klem	1,001 39
Carolyn Lander	3,033 17
Louise Leach	1,313 32
Rupert Little	1,252 00
Mary Lucey	3,199 92
Donald Mack	3,366 64
Carl Martini	4,266 64
Priscilla McKay	3,599 92
Eleanor McKay	3,699 96
Katherine Mitchell	1,933 28
Wilton Moyer	3,933 28
Hazel Ramer	4,033 32

Carried forward

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Evelyn Rankin	2,033 28	
Edith Ross	2,683 28	
Mildred Scanlon	3,166 64	
Maude Thomas	736 00	
Forest Troop	3,049 92	
John Valois	866 64	
Libby Volk	2,366 64	
Glendora Ward	1,033 32	
Joan Webster	2,866 60	
Substitutes and Others	2,094 00	
	<hr/>	109,792 36
Expenses:		
Writing Supervision	495 00	
Association Dues, Expenses	126 82	
	<hr/>	621 82
AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
School Health:		
Dr. Daniel M. Rogers, Physician	600 00	
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	2,170 00	
Medical Supplies	114 95	
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Other Expenses:		
Bus Supervision	159 00	
Trade School Tuition	80 00	
Trade School Transportation	63 33	
Graduation	57 65	
Library	149 54	
Tuition—Essex County	20 28	
Educational Transportation	95 25	
Telephone Service, High & Ele.	498 72	
	<hr/>	1,123 77
TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES		
Books—High	1,176 45	
Supplies—High	1,180 70	
Books—Elementary	1,775 03	
Supplies—Elementary	2,010 93	
Shop Supplies	698 15	
Films	15 66	
Music Supplies	98 41	
Domestic Science	18 60	
Testing	182 77	
Rent of Audograph	135 00	
Subscriptions	19 00	
Trucking	3 00	
	<hr/>	7,313 70
Carried forward		\$198,907 10

Brought forward

\$198,907 10

## OPERATION OF PLANT

## Janitors' Salaries—Regular:

Bernard Cullen	3,000 00	
Hovey Humphrey	3,000 00	
Fred Morris	2,800 01	
Everett Welch	1,575 00	
	<hr/>	10,375 01

## Janitors' Salaries—Extra Work:

Bernard Cullen	87 75	
Hovey Humphrey	72 00	
Fred Morris	64 50	
Everett Welch	22 50	
	<hr/>	246 75

## Expenses:

Fuel—High	2,538 99	
Electric Current—High	1,333 04	
Domestic Gas—High	92 64	
Water—High	155 70	
Janitors' Supplies—High	651 54	
Fuel—Elementary	2,915 10	
Electric Current—Elementary	1,421 27	
Domestic Gas—Elementary	205 13	
Water—Elementary	150 00	
Janitors' Supplies—Elementary	613 77	
Advertising for Bids	11 81	
	<hr/>	10,088 99

## MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

High	1,007 01	
Elementary	343 03	
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## Extra Repairs:

Tile	170 00	
Plumbing & Heating	279 92	
Painting	43 75	
Time Control System	395 00	
Clocks	61 77	
	<hr/>	950 44

## TRANSPORTATION

Pupils—School Sessions	9,758 75	
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## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Tuition	804 35	
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## NEW EQUIPMENT

Purchase of Equipment—High	261 85	
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## ATHLETICS — TOWN APPROPRIATION

Officials at Games	242 50	
Police at Games	12 50	
Transportation	176 40	
Reconditioning Uniforms	188 53	
Supplies and Equipment	550 07	
Medical Services	20 00	
	<hr/>	1,190 00
		<hr/>
		168,231 19

## SCHOOL REVOLVING FUNDS

## ATHLETICS

Officials at Games	132 50	
Police at Games	10 00	
Transportation	93 10	
Uniforms	79 87	
Supplies and Equipment	54 26	
Medical Service	20 00	
League Dues	10 00	
	<hr/>	399 73
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## CAFETERIA

## Salaries and Wages:

Margaret Back	1,258 50	
Loretta Tremblay	1,265 00	
Marybelle Dolliver	887 70	
Wilhelmina Morris	848 35	
Margurite Brumby	447 00	
Dorothy Surpitski	221 50	
Millicent Boswell	10 00	
	<hr/>	4,938 05

Carried forward

\$367,538 02

Brought forward

\$367.538 02

## Expenses :

Groceries and Provisions	14,435 93
Commodity Service Charge	104 00
Trucking Commodities	69 00
Supplies	217 49
Utensils and Equipment	1,124 49
Conference Expenses	42 92

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15,993 83

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20,931 88

## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

## NEW ELEMENTARY AND ADDITIONS TO HIGH

Drainage Work	51 00
Grading	67 00
Screen	58 67
Labor	63 00
Hardware and Supplies	49 10
Telephone	8 75
Back Stop	108 00
Digging Trench	275 00

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## RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGH

Back Stop	318 00
Work on Ballfield	100 00
Painting	71 50
Carpentry Work	84 55
Compressor Work	36 18
Drainage Work	175 00

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## EQUIPMENT — HIGH AND ELEMENTARY

Stage Curtains	915 00
Stage Lights	338 00
Stage Cyclorama	545 00
Public Address System	694 60
Chair Trucks	312 00
Bicycle Racks	93 00
Shades	515 25
Piping Kitchen Equipment	257 00

Carried forward

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\$389,935 65

Brought forward			\$389,935 65
Letters for School Name	210 00		
Window Screens	85 50		
Work on Drains	141 00		
Plumbing Work	62 41		
Carpentry Work	69 64		
	<hr/>	4,238 40	
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## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages:			
Louise Brown	641 67		
Jennie S. Perley	500 00		
Cynthia Wiggin (Asst.)	50 00		
	<hr/>	1,191 67	
Expenses:			
Books and Periodicals	1,462 51		
Rent of Branch Library	600 00		
Electric Current	25 63		
Equipment and Supplies	8 13		
Wood	3 00		
Painting at Branch Library	245 25		
Paint, Hardware, Lumber	18 89		
Carpentry Work	25 75		
Association Dues	6 00		
Assistant to Librarian	15 75		
	<hr/>	2,410 91	
		<hr/>	3,602 58

## PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Salaries and Wages:			
James Goodrich, Supt.	2,750 00		
Charles Palm	883 12		
Robert Poole	272 16		
Carolyn MacDonald, Inst.	365 00		
Theodore Johnson, Inst.	319 00		
Freda Colwell, Inst.	184 00		
Rena Hopkins, Clerk	50 00		
Other Wages	236 48		
	<hr/>	5,059 76	
Expenses:			
Playground Supplies, Equip.	262 29		
Repairs and Sharpen Tools	292 74		
Tools and Supplies	88 77		
Water Rates	50 00		

Carried forward

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 \$397,776 63



Brought forward

\$397,776 63

Electric Current	23 76		
Sub-soil	30 00		
Fencing	21 40		
Fertilizer	375 00		
Lawn Mower	30 00		
Flag	9 00		
Engineering	34 00		
Toilet Compartments	218 00		
Shrubs	97 00		
Gas and Oil	75 13		
Lumber	34 50		
Mowing Hay	57 75		
Coal	26 40		
Paint	27 20		
Rent of Mower	4 00		
Plumbing Repairs	4 75		
Stove	7 00		
Advertising for Bids	42 63		
Repairing Lights	8 31		
	<hr/>	1,819 63	
		<hr/>	6,879 39

## PARK TOILET STRUCTURE

Clemenzi Construction Co.	4,640 00		
Elmer Smith, Engineering	320 00		
Reinforcing Bats	37 85		
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## PARK — RESURFACING TENNIS COURT

Dennis Driscoll Co.	1,200 00		
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		<hr/>	1,200 00

## AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS

Electric Current	195 76		
Heating Oil	785 24		
Water Rates	19 00		
	<hr/>	1,000 00	
		<hr/>	1,000 00

Carried forward

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Brought forward

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## MEMORIAL DAY

Lee's Band	215 00
Lotito's Band	200 00
Flowers	131 00
Flags	44 25
Refreshments	27 06
Postage, Printing	20 06

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## TOWN REPORTS

Printing and Distribution	1,597 00
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 1,597 00

## TOWN CLOCK

Winding Clock	100 00
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 100 00

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 100 00

## INSURANCE

Blanket Fire Insurance	3,629 88
Workmens' Compensation	2,016 13
Boiler	127 72

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 5,773 63

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 5,773 63

## RETIREMENT FUND

Essex County Retirement Board	3,950 75
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 3,950 75

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 3,950 75

## SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Edmundson, Clerical	425 00
Douglas A. Chandler, Expenses	10 25

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 435 25

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 435 25

## SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Architectural Services	500 00
Maps and Blueprints	32 60
Census of Children	160 00
Census Cards	2 90
Printing	153 00
Delivering Reports	42 00

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 890 50

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 890 50

Carried forward

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 \$425,238 37

Brought forward

\$425,238 37

## WATER DEPARTMENT

## Salaries and Wages:

Raymond A. Whipple, Supt.	3,200 00	
Charles Dolliver, Assist. Supt.	2,750 00	
Alexina Morrow, Clerk	800 00	
Walter Cheever	328 50	
Robert Poole	324 00	
Other Wages	486 25	
	<hr/>	7,888 75

## Expenses:

Electric Current	2,716 75	
Pipe and Fittings	6,020 17	
Meters	686 84	
Meter Repairs	395 43	
Tools and Supplies	495 43	
Equipment Repairs	489 93	
Gas, Oil, Maint. of Trucks	608 13	
Truck Insurance	139 54	
Liability Insurance	30 26	
Heating Oil	226 88	
Trench Digger Hire	525 25	
Express and Freight	43 94	
Addressing Machine	99 76	
Office Expense	340 27	
Telephone	230 47	
Recording Liens	2 50	
Association Dues	6 00	
Advertising for Bids	5 31	
	<hr/>	13,062 86
		<hr/>
		20,951 61

## EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

Pipe and Fittings	4,052 69	
Trench Digger Hire	633 75	
Loader Hire	74 00	
Lumber	12 25	
Gravel	15 00	
Advertising for Bids	4 06	
Labor	203 50	
	<hr/>	4,995 25
		<hr/>
		4,995 25

Carried forward

\$451,185 23

Brought forward

\$451,185 23

## COMPRESSOR PURCHASE

P. K. Lindsay Co., Compressor  
and Tools

1,492 12

1,492 12

1,492 12

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

## Salaries and Wages:

Salaries of Commissioners 75 00

John T. Walke, Clerk 200 00

Philip Plummer, Supt. 2,750 00

Raymond Whipple, Jr. 436 50

Robert Poole 220 50

Nelson Babcock 122 00

3,804 00

## Expenses:

Tools and Repairs 132 77

Postage, Office Supplies 18 49

Gas, Oil 41 10

Maintenance of Truck 14 33

Seed and Fertilizer 27 80

Flowers 32 00

Water Rates 36 80

Generator 165 00

Pipe and Fittings 16 75

Gravel 33 00

Telephone 49 20

567 24

4,371 24

## Special Cemetery Improvements:

## SPECIAL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

Pipe and Fittings 182 66

Loam 40 00

Bulldozer Hire 15 00

237 66

237 66

## INTEREST

Water Bonds, '39, Installation 281 25

Water Bonds, '47, Reservoir &amp; Wells 225 00

Water Bonds, '47, Laying Mains 1,065 00

Water Bonds, '51, Pump House 112 50

School Bonds, '52, Construction 11,016 00

12,699 7512,699 75

Carried forward

\$469,986 00

Brought forward

\$ 469,986 00

## MATURING DEBT

Water Bonds, '39, Installation	5,000 00		
Water Bonds, '47, Reservoir & Wells	2,000 00		
Water Bonds, '47, Laying Mains	8,000 00		
Water Bonds, '51, Pump House	3,000 00		
School Bonds, '52, Construction	41,000 00		
	<u>59,000 00</u>		
			59,000 00

## AGENCY

Withholding Tax	23,649 60		
Retirement Deductions	3,555 15		
Dog Licenses	958 40		
	<u>28,163 15</u>		
			28,163 15

## TRUST ACCOUNT

Cemetery Endowment	775 00		
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves	1,460 00		
	<u>2,235 00</u>		
			2,235 00

## MISCELLANEOUS

County Tax	18,074 34		
State Audit	764 25		
State Parks	844 61		
Department Overpayments	877 63		
	<u>20,560 83</u>		
			20,560 83

## REFUNDS

## Overpayments:

1954 Taxes	477 14		
1953 Taxes	2 00		
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,280 52		
Moth Assessments	7 15		
Water Rates and Services	76 37		
Interest	1 63		
	<u>1,844 81</u>		
			1,844 81

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, 1954

581,789 79

## TRANSFERS

*By Annual Town Meeting*

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Excess and Deficiency	Revenue	\$20,000 00
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	Cemetery Improvements	500 00

*By Finance Committee*

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	
Reserve Fund	Fire Expenses	1,300 00
" "	Police Wages	150 00
" "	Park Expenses	275 00
" "	Snow Removal	256 18
" "	Water Expenses	338 03



# RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES—1954

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/54</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers &amp; Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/54</i>
Selectmen					
Salaries		1,150.00		1,150.00	
Clerical		2,080.00		1,680.00	400.00
Expenses		2,300.00		2,215.23	84.77
Equipment	212.57			212.57	
Accounting					
Salary		3,050.00		3,050.00	
Expenses		300.00		299.93	.07
Treasurer					
Salary		1,500.00		1,500.00	
Expenses		575.00		560.57	14.43
Collector					
Salary		1,700.00		1,700.00	
Expenses		650.00		649.99	.01
Assessors					
Wages		2,600.00		2,227.70	372.30
Expenses		545.00		413.01	131.99
Law					
Salary		800.00		800.00	
Expenses		200.00			200.00
Town Clerk					
Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses		300.00		299.95	.05
Equipment	68.31			49.06	18.71
Election & Registration		2,000.00		1,991.96	8.04
Finance Committee		15.00		10.00	5.00

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/54</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers &amp; Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/54</i>
Planning Board		500.00		365.90	134.10
Town Hall					
Salary		2,750.00		2,750.00	
Expenses		2,350.00		2,310.81	39.19
Office Equipment		500.00		500.00	
Painting	168.66				168.66*
Alterations	200.00			200.00	
Police					
Salaries & Wages		8,400.00	150.00 T	8,541.65	8.35
Expenses		2,000.00		1,991.78	8.22
New Uniforms		300.00		300.00	
Fire					
Salaries & Wages		2,310.00		2,237.80	72.20
Expenses		2,210.00	1,300.00 T	3,471.75	38.25
Moth					
Superintendent Salary		1,670.00		1,670.00	
Wages		990.00		591.36	398.64
Expenses		500.00		480.92	19.08
Moth Private Property					
Superintendent Salary		360.00		360.00	
Wages		378.00		268.80	109.20
Expenses		300.00		272.85	27.15
Tree Warden					
Salary		1,170.00		1,170.00	
Wages		1,322.00		752.64	569.36
Expenses		160.00		159.29	.71
Planting Trees	204.20	200.00		380.05	24.15
Pruning Elms		500.00		382.50	117.50

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/54</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers &amp; Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/54</i>
Forest Warden Salary		40.00		40.00	
Sealer					
Salary		230.00		230.00	
Expenses		100.00		98.08	1.92
Civil Defense	566.10			46.15	519.95*
Health					
Salaries		180.00		180.00	
Expenses		1,500.00		1,043.40	456.60
Milk Inspector Salary		75.00		75.00	
Dental Clinic					
Salary of Nurse		200.00		200.00	
Expenses		3,300.00		2,739.10	560.90
Rubbish Collection		4,500.00		4,493.53	6.47
Garbage Collection		3,200.00		2,923.00	277.00
Animal Inspector					
Salary		90.00		90.00	
Expenses		50.00		50.00	
Garbage Truck Purchase (Special Meeting)		4,000.00			4,000.00*
Highways					
Surveyor's Salary		3,200.00		3,200.00	
Wages		12,880.00		12,076.40	803.60
Expenses		5,143.00		5,098.26	44.74
Sidewalk Construction		2,000.00		1,652.98	347.02
Gravel Roads		7,000.00		6,980.22	19.78
Truck Purchase		4,500.00		4,105.97	394.03
Chap. 90 Maintenance		1,000.00	500.00 T		1,500.00*
Chap. 90 Construction	6,362.80	875.00	2,625.00 T	6,948.67	2,914.13
Snow Removal & Sanding		5,000.00	256.18 T	5,256.18	

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/54</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers &amp; Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/54</i>
Street Lighting		9,800.00		9,004.39	795.61
Public Welfare					
Salaries		120.00		120.00	
Expenses		4,000.00		2,951.56	1,048.44
Disability Assistance		6,000.00		3,387.12	2,612.88
Aid to Dep. Children					
Assistance		4,500.00	69.00 R	4,560.31	8.69
Administration		25.00			25.00
Old Age Assistance		30,000.00	5.00 R	29,994.23	10.77
Administration		2,000.00		1,237.71	762.29
Veterans' Benefits		6,000.00		2,777.03	3,222.97
Schools					
General Expenses		11,475.00		11,468.41	6.59
Expenses of Instruction		111,562.99		110,414.18	1,148.81
Auxiliary Agencies		4,150.00		4,008.72	141.28
Textbooks & Supplies		8,125.00	4.83 R	7,313.70	816.13
Operation of Plant		20,575.00	18.00 R	20,464.00	129.00
Extra Janitor Service		500.00		246.75	253.25
Maintenance & Repairs		1,500.00		1,350.04	149.96
Maintenance & Repairs Extra		1,500.00		950.44	549.56
Transportation		9,758.75		9,758.75	
New Equipment—High		262.00		261.85	.15
Athletics		1,190.00		1,190.00	
Vocational		1,250.00		804.35	445.65
Driver Training		200.00			200.00
New Ele. & Add. to High	307.05		418.53 R	680.52	45.06
Reconstruction of High	803.03			785.23	17.80
School Equipment		4,500.00		4,238.40	261.60

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/54</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers &amp; Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/54</i>
School Building Committee	1,225.49			435.25	790.24
School Bldg. Needs Comm.		1,000.00		890.50	109.50
Public Library					
Salaries		1,250.00		1,191.67	58.33
Expenses		2,404.50	6.41 T	2,410.91	
Parks & Playgrounds					
Superintendents Salary		2,750.00		2,750.00	
Labor		1,400.00		1,391.76	8.24
Salaries of Instructors		918.00		893.42	24.58
Expenses		1,607.00	275.00 T	1,844.21	37.79
Resurfacing Tennis Court		1,200.00		1,200.00	
Toilet Structure		5,000.00		4,997.85	2.15
Legion Headquarters		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Memorial Day		650.00		637.37	12.63
Town Reports		1,600.00		1,597.00	3.00
Town Clock		100.00		100.00	
Insurance		5,900.00		5,773.63	126.37
Retirement Fund		3,950.75		3,950.75	
Reserve Fund		5,000.00		(2,319.21 T)	2,680.79
Water					
Superintendent's Salary		3,200.00		3,200.00	
Assist. Supt. Salary		2,750.00		2,750.00	
Clerk's Salary		800.00		800.00	
Extra Labor		1,325.00		1,138.75	186.25
Expenses		12,750.00	338.03 T	13,088.03	25.17
Compressor Purchase		1,500.00		1,492.12	7.88
Extension of Mains		5,000.00		4,995.25	4.75
Fluoridation	1,100.00				1,100.00

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/54</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers &amp; Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/54</i>
Cemetery					
Superintendent's Salary		2,750.00		2,750.00	
Commissioners' Salaries		75.00		75.00	
Clerk's Salary		200.00		200.00	
Wages and Expenses		900.00		1,346.24	
Improvements	47.00	500.00	446.24 T	237.66	309.34*
Interest		13,100.00		12,699.75	400.25
Maturing Debt		59,000.00		59,000.00	
R—Refund of overpayment					
T—Transfer					
*—Carried over to 1955					



## TRUST FUNDS

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### DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1954	\$629 84
Interest added during 1954	19 03
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1954	\$648 87

### H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1954	\$1,265 98
Interest added during 1954	38 24
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1954	\$1,304 22

### MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1954	\$545 70
Interest added during 1954	16 47
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1954	\$562 17

### CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1954	\$26,520 31
Interest added during 1954	870 45
Bequests added to savings deposits during 1954	775 00
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	28,165 76
Transferred to Town for care of lots	612 00
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1954	\$27,553 76

### CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1954	\$10,892 70
Cash in General Treasury January 1, 1954	400 00
Receipts from sales during 1954	1,235 00
Interest added during 1954	329 22
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	12,856 92
Withdrawn for Cemetery purposes	500 00
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1954	\$12,181 92
Cash in Treasury December 31, 1954	175 00
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	\$12,356 92
	\$12,356 92

## TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1954

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

Cash:

General,		\$214,020.78
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Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1954,			
Personal Property,	\$1,143.04		
Real Estate,	8,857.26		
			10,000.30

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Levy of 1954,		3,647.33
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Special Assessments:

Moth — Levy of 1954,		8.20
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Tax Titles,

615.98

Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children,	\$512.10		
Old Age Assistance,	124.49		
Veterans' Services,	50.50		
School,	270.00		
Cemetery,	159.50		
			1,116.59

Water:

Liens Added to Taxes 1954,	\$48.90		
Rates,	2,908.30		
Services,	174.00		
			3,131.20

Aid to Highways:

State,		500.00
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Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:

Underestimate 1954:

County Hospital Assessment,		878.75
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Emergency Overdraft, Section 31,

Chapter 44, General Laws:		
Hurricane Damage,		12,174.43

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\$246,093.56

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## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Trust Fund Income:		
Library,	\$2.18	
Cemetery Perpetual Care,	763.71	\$765.89
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	\$171.78	
Assistance,	3,442.31	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	432.07	
Aid,	3,425.96	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	2,902.36	
Assistance,	18,212.05	28,586.53
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch,	\$3,239.05	
School Athletics,	188.65	3,427.70
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	\$7,677.09	
Water—Fluoridization,	1,100.00	
Non-Revenue (Loan Balances):		
School Construction 1952,	45.06	8,822.15
Overestimates 1954:		
State Parks and Reservations		
Assessment,	\$3.32	
County Tax,	144.96	148.28
Sale of Real Estate Fund,		1,225.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund,		175.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		7,254.45
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1954,		2,090.03
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	\$3,647.33	
Special Assessment,	8.20	
Tax Title,	615.98	
Departmental,	1,116.59	
Water,	3,131.20	
Aid to Highways,	500.00	9,019.30
Surplus Revenue:		
General,		184,579.23
		<u>\$246,093.56</u>

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

## Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

## Inside Debt Limit:

General,	\$222,000.00
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## Outside Debt Limit:

General,	\$446,000.00
Public Service Enterprise,	105,000.00

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551,000.00

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\$773,000.00

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## Serial Loans:

## Inside Debt Limit:

## General:

School,	\$222,000.00
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## Outside Debt Limit:

## General:

School,	\$446,000.00
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## Public Service Enterprise:

Water,	105,000.00
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551,000.00

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\$773,000.00

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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## Trust and Investment Funds:

## Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer,	\$42,250.94
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\$42,250.94

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## In Custody of Treasurer:

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	\$648.87
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H. Augusta Dodge Library Fund,	1,304.22
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Maxwell Norman Fund,	562.17
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Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	27,553.76
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Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	12,181.92
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\$42,250.94

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# TOWN OF HAMILTON

## BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

December 31, 1954

Date of Maturity	Water Supply Bonds 1 1/4%, Issued 7-1-39	Water Bonds, Reservoir & Wells, 1 1/4%, Issued 10-1-47	Water Bonds, Laying Mains, 1 1/2%, Issued 11-1-47	Water Bonds, Pump House & Well, 1 1/4%, Issued 10-1-51	School Bonds, Addition to High & New Elementary, 1.6%, Issued 2-1-52	Total
1955	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00	3,000 00	41,000 00	59,000 00
1956	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00	3,000 00	40,000 00	58,000 00
1957	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00		40,000 00	55,000 00
1958	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00		40,000 00	55,000 00
1959		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1960		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1961		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1962		2,000 00	2,000 00		39,000 00	48,000 00
1963					39,000 00	39,000 00
1964					39,000 00	39,000 00
1965					39,000 00	39,000 00
1966					39,000 00	39,000 00
1967					39,000 00	39,000 00
1968					39,000 00	39,000 00
1969					39,000 00	39,000 00
1970					39,000 00	39,000 00
1971					39,000 00	39,000 00
	20,000 00	16,000 00	63,000 00	6,000 00	668,000 00	773,000 00

STATEMENT OF TAX RATE, VALUATION (REAL AND  
PERSONAL) AND TAX LEVY FOR THE YEARS  
1920 TO 1954

Year	Tax Rate	Valuation	Tax Levy
1920	\$16.00	\$4,250,789.	\$ 67,992.62
1921	20.00	4,371,054.	87,421.08
1922	17.00	4,468,116.	75,957.98
1923	21.00	4,784,584.	100,476.43
1924	21.00	5,048,070.	106,009.36
1925	23.80	5,166,948.	122,972.14
1926	24.20	5,370,071.	129,957.01
1927	23.80	5,630,499.	134,005.09
1928	23.40	5,753,574.	134,663.62
1929	22.70	5,711,382.	129,649.54
1930	23.60	5,788,648.	136,613.32
1931	24.70	5,790,487.	143,025.54
1932	23.70	5,852,447.	138,703.59
1933	22.30	5,896,443.	131,490.68
1934	23.80	5,764,536.	137,195.96
1935	28.60	5,725,581.	163,751.62
1936	27.50	5,449,678.	149,866.14
1937	26.70	5,388,069.	143,862.20
1938	25.30	5,487,383.	138,830.79
1939	25.00	5,459,920.	136,498.13
1940	23.80	5,527,226.	131,548.11
1941	23.40	5,593,694.	130,892.44
1942	23.20	5,611,430.	130,185.20
1943	22.00	5,530,325.	121,667.15
1944	22.00	5,550,895.	122,119.69
1945	24.00	5,311,605.	127,478.52
1946	27.00	5,325,260.	143,782.12
1947	31.60	5,706,960.	180,339.95
1948	35.00	5,733,295.	202,644.66
1949	35.00	6,038,280.	212,178.14
1950	38.00	6,323,100.	240,277.80
1951	38.00	6,603,385.	250,928.43
1952	38.00	6,887,205.	261,713.79
1953	42.00	7,377,925.	309,872.85
1954	42.00	8,014,920.	336,626.64

REPORT *of an* AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN *of* HAMILTON

For the Year 1954





## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Bureau of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

WILLIAM A. SCHAN

*Commissioner.*

HERMAN B. DINE

*Director of Accounts.*

January 27, 1955

*To the Board of Selectmen:*Mr. Edward A. DeWitt, Chairman  
Hamilton, Massachusetts

GENTLEMEN :

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the fiscal year 1954, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

*Director of Accounts*

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Mr. Herman B. Dine  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

SIR :

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the fiscal year 1954, and submit the following report thereon:

An examination was made of the financial transactions as recorded on the books of the various departments wherein money is collected or disbursed for the town.

The town accountant's books were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The appropriations as shown on the ledger were checked with the town clerk's record of financial votes passed by the town.

The ledger was analyzed, a trial balance was drawn off, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1954, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of payments to the treasurer by the several town departments and with other sources paying money to the town, while the recorded payments were compared with the treasury warrants and the accountant's books.

Verification of the cash balance on December 31, 1954 was made by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust and investment funds were examined and listed, all transactions pertaining thereto being checked and verified.

The tax titles held by the town were listed from the records of the treasurer and compared with the collector's and the accountant's books, as well as with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined, listed, and proved with the accountant's ledger controls.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The commitments of poll, property, motor vehicle and trailer excise, and special assessments were analyzed and proved. The assessors' warrants were compared with the detail lists, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' authorizations, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

An analysis was also made of the departmental and water accounts, the transactions being checked and verified with the town accountant's controlling accounts.

Verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of dog and of hunting and fishing licenses issued by the town clerk, as well as of town licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and the board of health, were examined and checked, the payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified.

The surety bonds filed by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

An examination was made of the records of all other departments which collect money for the town, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, special assessment, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the several trust and investment funds.

On behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation for the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

*Assistant Director of Accounts*

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1954,	\$177,204.12	
Receipts,	618,606.45	
Payments,	\$581,789.79	
		\$795,810.57
Balance December 31, 1954:		
In banks:		
Beverly Trust Company,		
Beverly,	\$194,611.30	
Day Trust Company, Boston	9,262.79	
Merchants National Bank of		
Salem,	5,366.65	
In office, verified,	4,780.04	
	214,020.78	
		<u>\$795,810.57</u>

*Reconciliation of Bank Accounts*  
*December 31, 1954*

	Balance per Statement	Protested check to be adjusted	Balance per check book	Outstanding checks per list
Beverly Trust Company,				
Beverly,	\$219,308.79	\$7.50	\$194,611.30	\$24,704.99
Day Trust Company, Boston,	9,262.79	....	9,262.79	.....
Merchants National Bank of				
Salem,	5,407.83	....	5,366.65	41.18
	<u>\$233,979.41</u>	<u>\$7.50</u>	<u>\$209,240.74</u>	<u>\$24,746.17</u>

## PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

*Federal Taxes*

Deductions 1954,	\$23,649.60
Payments to Director of Internal Revenue 1954,	<u>\$23,649.60</u>

*County Retirement System*

Deductions 1954,	\$3,555.15
Payments to county treasurer 1954,	<u>\$3,555.15</u>

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1953

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$828.45
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$760.20
Abatements 1954,	68.25
	<u>\$828.45</u>

## REAL ESTATE TAXES—1953

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$10,393.91	
Refunds 1954,	2.00	
		\$10,395.91
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$10,127.11	
Abatements 1954,	268.80	
		<u>\$10,395.91</u>

## POLL TAXES—1954

Commitment per warrant,	\$2,356.00	
Refunds 1954,	4.00	
Abatements rescinded 1954,	4.00	
		\$2,364.00
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$1,992.00	
Abatements 1954,	372.00	
		<u>\$2,364.00</u>

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1954

Commitment per warrant,	\$26,169.36	
Refunds,	1.69	
		\$26,171.05
Payments to treasurer,	\$24,673.11	
Abatements,	354.90	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	1,143.04	
		<u>\$26,171.05</u>

## REAL ESTATE TAXES—1954

Commitment per warrant,	\$310,474.08	
Refunds,	471.45	
		\$310,945.53
Payments to treasurer,	\$294,486.27	
Abatements,	7,534.80	
Added to tax titles,	67.20	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	8,857.26	
		<u>\$310,945.53</u>

## MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1953

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$4,273.63	
Commitment 1954, per warrants,	3,289.25	
Refunds 1954,	449.59	
Abatements cancelled 1954,	2.00	
		\$8,014.74
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$6,308.22	
Abatements 1954,	1,706.25	
		<u>\$8,014.74</u>

## MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1954

Commitment per warrants,	\$44,514.39	
Refunds,	830.93	
Abatements rescinded,	2.15	
		<u>\$45,347.47</u>
Payments to treasurer,	\$37,991.34	
Abatements,	3,708.80	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	3,647.33	
		<u>\$45,347.47</u>

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1953

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$45.30
Payments to treasurer 1954,	<u>\$45.30</u>

## MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1954

Commitment per warrant,	\$911.30	
Refunds,	7.15	
		\$918.45
Payments to treasurer,	910.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list	8.20	
		<u>\$918.45</u>

## INTEREST ON TAXES, EXCISE AND WATER SERVICES

## Collections 1954:

Taxes:		
1953,	\$238.48	
1954,	88.81	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise:		
1953,	12.61	
1954,	23.17	
Water services,	1.29	
		\$364.36
Payments to treasurer 1954,		<u>\$364.36</u>

## TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1954,	\$548.78	
Added to tax titles:		
Taxes 1954,	67.20	
		\$615.98
Balance December 31, 1954,		
per list,		<u>\$615.98</u>

## SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

## Receipts 1954:

## Licenses and permits issued:

Automobile,	\$10.00
Common victualler,	10.00
Junk,	20.00
Liquor,	1,525.00
Pinball machine,	60.00
Revolver,	29.50
Sale of firearms,	2.00
Second-hand articles,	4.00
Sunday,	16.00

\$1,676.50

Sale of truck, 51.00

\$1,727.50

Payment to treasurer 1954, \$1,727.50

## TOWN CLERK

*Dog Licenses*

## Licenses issued 1954:

Male,	219 @ \$2.00,	\$438.00
Female,	44 @ 5.00,	220.00
Spayed female,	89 @ 2.00,	178.00
Kennel,	7 @ 10.00,	70.00
Kennel,	3 @ 25.00,	75.00
Kennel,	1 @ 50.00	50.00

\$1,031.00

Payments to treasurer 1954, \$958.40

Fees retained by town clerk, 363 @ \$.20, 72.60

\$1,031.00

*Hunting and Fishing Licenses*

## Licenses issued 1954:

Series #1,	61 @ \$3.25,	\$198.25
2,	67 @ 3.25,	217.75
3,	51 @ 5.25,	267.75
4,	17 @ 1.25,	21.25
4A,	13 @ 2.25,	29.25
9,	1 @ 7.75,	7.75
Duplicate,	2 @ .50,	1.00

\$743.00

Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game, 1954 \$690.50

Fees retained by town clerk, 210 @ \$.25 52.50

\$743.00



## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance January 1, 1954,	\$50	
Fees,	70.50	
		\$71.00
Payments to treasurer,	70.75	
Cash balance December 31, 1954,	.25	
		\$71.00

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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Licenses and Permits*

## Issued 1954:

## Licenses:

Ice cream,	\$5.00	
Nursery,	1.00	
		6.00

## Permits:

Sewage disposal,	470.00	
		\$476.00

Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$391.00	
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Cash on hand December 31, 1954, verified	85.00	
		\$476.00

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## MILK INSPECTOR

## Permits issued 1954:

Dealer,	\$6.00	
Store,	7.50	
		\$13.50

Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$13.00	
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Cash on hand December 31, 1954, verified,	.50	
		\$13.50

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## DENTAL CLINIC

Cash balance January 1, 1954,	\$66.70	
Receipts,	456.75	
		\$523.45
Payments to treasurer 1954,		\$523.45

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## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

*General Relief—Accounts Receivable—State*

Charges 1954,	\$1,005.00	
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$1,005.00	

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*General Relief—Accounts Receivable—Cities and Towns*

Charges 1954,	\$255.94
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$255.94

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*Disability Assistance—Accounts Receivable—State*

Charges 1954,	\$1,404.75
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$1,404.75

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*Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable—State*

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$680.43	
Charges,	1,789.89	
		\$2,470.32
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,958.22	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list	512.10	
		\$2,470.32

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## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

*Accounts Receivable—State*

Charges 1954,		\$16,684.99
Payments to treasurer 1954,	\$15,924.02	
Transferred from old age assistance recoveries 1954,	760.97	
		\$16,684.99

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*Accounts Receivable—Cities and Towns*

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$362.85	
Charges,	838.80	
		\$1,201.65
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,077.16	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list	124.49	
		\$1,201.65

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## VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

*Accounts Receivable*

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$35.50	
Charges,	682.84	
		\$718.34
Payments to treasurer,	\$667.84	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	50.50	
		\$718.34

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## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

*Accounts Receivable*

Charges 1954,		\$1,687.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,417.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	270.00	
		<u>\$1,687.50</u>

*Lunch Program*

Receipts 1954,		\$21,866.95
Payments to treasurer 1954,		<u>\$21,866.95</u>

*Athletic Program*

Receipts 1954,		\$290.80
Payments to treasurer 1954,		<u>\$290.80</u>

*Miscellaneous Receipts*

Receipts 1954:		
Manual training,	\$49.82	
Gymnasium rent,	30.00	
Refunds,	.60	
		\$80.42
Payments to treasurer 1954,		<u>\$80.42</u>

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Cash balance January 1, 1954,	\$8.46	
Receipts,	31.06	
		\$39.52
Payments to treasurer,	\$8.46	
Cash on hand December 31, 1954, verified,	31.06	
		<u>\$39.52</u>

## WATER LIENS ADDED TO TAXES—1954

Commitment per warrant,		\$96.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$47.10	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	48.90	
		<u>\$96.00</u>

## WATER DEPARTMENT

*Rates*

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$2,669.45	
Commitments,	29,537.97	
Refunds,	54.20	
		\$32,261.62
Payments to treasurer,	\$29,017.73	
Abatements,	239.59	
Water liens added to taxes 1954,	96.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	2,908.30	
		<u>\$32,261.62</u>

*Services*

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	\$264.30	
Commitments,	1,169.20	
Refunds,	22.17	
		\$1,455.67
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,281.67	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	174.00	
		<u>\$1,455.67</u>

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

*Accounts Receivable*

Outstanding January 1, 1954,	148.50	
Commitments,	483.00	
		\$631.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$467.00	
Abatements,	5.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1954, per list,	159.50	
		<u>\$631.50</u>

*Miscellaneous Receipts*

Receipts 1954:		
Perpetual care bequests,	\$775.00	
Sale of lots and graves,	1,235.00	
Care of lots and graves,	78.00	
Interments,	484.00	
		\$2,572.00
Payments to treasurer 1954,		<u>\$2,572.00</u>

## DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1954,	\$629.84	\$629.84
December 31, 1954,	\$648.87	\$648.87

## RECEIPTS

1954

Income,	\$19.03	Added to savings deposits,	\$19.03
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## PAYMENTS

## H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1954,	\$1,265.98	\$1,265.98
December 31, 1954,	\$1,304.22	\$1,304.22

## RECEIPTS

1954

Income,	\$38.24	Added to savings deposits,	\$38.24
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## PAYMENTS

## MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1954,	\$545.70	\$545.70
December 31, 1954,	\$562.17	\$562.17

## RECEIPTS

1954

Income,	\$16.47	Added to savings deposits,	\$16.47
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## PAYMENTS

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1954,	\$26,520.31	\$26,520.31
December 31, 1954,	\$27,553.76	\$27,553.76

## RECEIPTS

1954

Withdrawn from savings deposits,	\$612.00	Added to savings deposits,	\$1,645.45
Income,	870.45	Transferred to town,	612.00
Bequests,	775.00		
	<u>\$2,257.45</u>		<u>\$2,257.45</u>

## CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Cash in General Treasury</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1954,	\$400.00	\$10,892.70	\$11,292.70
December 31, 1954,	\$175.00	\$12,181.92	\$12,356.92

## RECEIPTS

## PAYMENTS

1954

Withdrawn from savings deposits,	\$500.00	Added to savings deposits,	\$1,789.22
Income,	329.22	Transferred to town,	500.00
Sale of lots and graves,	1,235.00	Cash in general treasury	
Cash in general treasury		December 31, 1954,	175.00
January 1, 1954,	400.00		
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	\$2,464.22		\$2,464.22
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## TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1954

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## ASSETS

Cash:		
General,		\$214,020.78
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954,		
Personal Property,	\$1,143.04	
Real Estate,	8,857.26	
		10,000.30
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1954,		3,647.33
Special Assessments:		
Moth — Levy of 1954,		8.20
Tax Titles,		615.98
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children,	\$512.10	
Old Age Assistance,	124.49	
Veterans' Services,	50.50	
School,	270.00	
Cemetery,	159.50	
		1,116.59
Water:		
Liens Added to Taxes 1954,	\$48.90	
Rates,	2,908.30	
Services,	174.00	
		3,131.20
Aid to Highways:		
State,		500.00
Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:		
Underestimate 1954:		
County Hospital Assessment,		878.75
Emergency Overdraft, Section 31,		
Chapter 44, General Laws:		
Hurricane Damage,		12,174.43
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		\$246,093.56



## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

## Trust Fund Income:

Library,	\$2.18	
Cemetery Perpetual Care,	763.71	
		\$765.89

## Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	\$171.78	
Assistance,	3,442.31	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	432.07	
Aid,	3,425.96	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	2,902.36	
Assistance,	18,212.05	
		28,586.53

## Revolving Funds:

School Lunch,	\$3,239.05	
School Athletics,	188.65	
		3,427.70

## Appropriation Balances:

Revenue:		
General,	\$7,677.09	
Water—Fluoridization,	1,100.00	
Non-Revenue (Loan Balances):		
School Construction 1952,	45.06	
		8,822.15

## Overestimates 1954:

State Parks and Reservations		
Assessment,	\$3.32	
County Tax,	144.96	
		148.28

## Sale of Real Estate Fund,

1,225.00

## Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund,

175.00

## Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,

7,254.45

## Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1954,	2,090.03
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## Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	\$3,647.33	
Special Assessment,	8.20	
Tax Title,	615.98	
Departmental,	1,116.59	
Water,	3,131.20	
Aid to Highways,	500.00	
		9,019.30

## Surplus Revenue:

General,	184,579.23
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\$246,093.56

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## DEBT ACCOUNTS

## Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

## Inside Debt Limit:

General,	\$222,000.00
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## Outside Debt Limit:

General,	\$446,000.00
Public Service Enterprise,	105,000.00
	551,000.00

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\$773,000.00

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## Serial Loans:

## Inside Debt Limit:

General:	
School,	\$222,000.00

## Outside Debt Limit:

General:	
School,	\$446,000.00
Public Service Enterprise:	
Water,	105,000.00
	551,000.00

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\$773,000.00

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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

## Trust and Investment Funds:

## Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer,	\$42,250.94
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\$42,250.94

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## In Custody of Treasurer:

Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	\$648.87
H. Augusta Dodge Library Fund,	1,304.22
Maxwell Norman Fund,	562.17
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	27,553.76
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	12,181.92

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\$42,250.94

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REPORT

of the

HAMILTON

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1954

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# REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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*To the Citizens of Hamilton:*

The School Committee herewith accepts the report of the Superintendent of Schools and respectfully refers the townspeople to it for a complete account of School Department activities during 1954.

The committee feels that the department has taken significant steps during the year just past in terms of curriculum improvement and providing additional school housing.

In the latter category, a very serious problem due to continued growth in Hamilton, we have embarked upon a novel program in school building whereby the town uses on a trial basis a two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School before deciding whether or not to purchase it.

By the time this report reaches general circulation, it is hoped that full-scale work on this project will be underway and that in another month, we will be occupying the two classroom unit.

The committee has every reason to believe that this experimentation will prove in every way successful and in this event the committee will ask the town at a special town meeting this summer to approve the purchase of this two-room unit at a cost of \$45,000 and to authorize the construction of one other two-room unit, making a total of four rooms which the department needs by September, 1955 in order to meet our housing requirements.

The problem of school housing will be with us for some time to come. By 1960, it is estimated the department will need 12 more rooms, probably, and following this, the junior and senior high school facilities will become pressed. The School Building Needs Committee has been kept in existence for this purpose — to study future needs of the town and to report to the voters when action is required.

The committee wishes to express its appreciation to the various organizations, town officers and departments, and private citizens who have given us assistance during the past year. In particular, we should like to thank the Parent-Teacher Association, the Community Garden Club and the Hamilton Park Department.

We also wish to congratulate the Superintendent of Schools, the principals, our faculty and others on the staff for the conscientious and thoughtful manner in which our school program has been carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

MORLEY L. PIPER, Chairman  
GRACE B. LAMSON  
ALLAN MACCURREN

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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*To the School Committee of Hamilton:*

I am pleased to submit my third annual report, the fifty-third in a series of superintendents' annual reports to the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton.

The year has been characterized by growth, progress and problems in the several areas which make up our public schools. Each area is reviewed in the material which follows.

### SCHOOL PLANT

During the year the facilities of the High School and the Manasseh Cutler School were used to capacity. On September 8, 1954 the doors were opened to the largest number of pupils, 765, in the history of the town.

In order to accommodate this large enrollment in our existing plant it became necessary to house the sixth grade as well as the kindergarten in the high school building. The School Committee had foreseen the record enrollment and had requested that the voters at the March 1, 1954 meeting authorize the Moderator to appoint a Building Needs Committee. This Committee was directed to study the immediate and future school building needs and make its recommendations to the Town.

Following an intensive period of investigation and study, The Building Needs Committee requested that a special town meeting be held on December 15, 1954, for the purpose of acting upon the recommendations contained in its Preliminary Report. Favorable action at the Special Town Meeting implemented the acceptance by the Town of the offer of the New England Development Corporation which proposed to erect for trial use by the School Committee, a two room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School, without present cost to the town. (The details of the plan may be found elsewhere in the report of the Building Needs Committee).

Plans now in effect call for the completion and occupancy of the two room addition by March 31, 1955. By agreement, the School Committee, if satisfied with the addition, will request that the town purchase it and that a second two room unit be immediately built to be ready for use by September 1, 1955. With four rooms added to the Manasseh Cutler School we will be able to house all sections of grades one through six for the school year 1955-1956. The kindergarten will remain at the high school, the sixth grade will be returned to the elementary school building.

May I emphasize that the need for additional classrooms is acute and continuous for the years immediately ahead. If the two room unit plan meets expectations, it can become important in our future planning because it provides a means of "building as we grow". The speed of erection, the relatively low cost and the flexibility inherent in the plan seem to offer long sought advantages in school building construction.



A look to the future would indicate that another complete elementary school of eight to ten classrooms will be necessary by the time plans for it can be effected. As our present large lower grade population moves up to the secondary level it will be necessary to consider the need for expanded junior or senior high school facilities. All school administrators and staff personnel are making every effort to keep abreast of our future requirements, to keep the town adequately informed of probable needs in ample time so that the voters may provide for all the children in our town.

### *The Staff*

Our predicted growth in the size of our staff materialized with the need for extra sections at certain grade levels. In September, 1954, Mr. John Valois assumed responsibility for a second division of Grade VII. Mrs. Janet Klem took over a new section of Grade II and Mrs. Glory Hussey, a new division of Grade III.

In September we also welcomed other new members to the staff who succeeded those who had resigned in order to accept employment elsewhere. Mrs. Mary Bergman was assigned to the high school in the field of business education. Mrs. Glendora Ward and Mrs. Louise Leach joined the staff of the Manasseh Cutler School as teachers of sections of grades one and three respectively.

Our ability to attract well qualified teachers during these years of critical shortage in the availability of trained personnel is a tribute to the fine reputation which our school system enjoys.

As you know, we enjoy the services of part-time supervisors in three curriculum areas, handwriting, art, and music. Each supervisor works closely with the classroom teacher in planning, executing and evaluating the work in his respective field. The supervisor uses his special skills, training and experience to teach the teacher as well as the pupils. It is obvious that as our rollment increases the demands upon the supervisors become greater; the need for additional supervisory time or personnel is the inevitable result of this school population growth.

In September, 1954, The Rinehart Handwriting System management supplied us with the services of an extra supervisor in order to make it possible to achieve minimum coverage of our many class sections. I strongly urge that careful consideration be given at once to the need for extra supervisory time in the areas of art and music.

The addition of a fourth member, Mr. Everett Welch, to the janitorial staff has made possible more adequate care of our school plant.

A look to the future clearly indicates a need for additional staff personnel in the year ahead. Additional sections of grades two and four along with extra sections of several high school classes will require at least three new teachers in September, 1955.

### *The Curriculum*

Curriculum study and revision is a constant process in our schools. Our staff is dedicated to the principle that the curriculum must meet the

needs of the boys and girls of our community. Since the needs are dynamic, so must we expect that the curriculum will change from time to time.

Members of the staff of the elementary school have been concerned for some time with the required entrance age for admission to our public schools. Their own experience and study, substantiating the great bulk of other research on the same point, would indicate that our entrance age should be increased to 4 years and 8 months from 4 years and 6 months on September first of any school year for entrance to our kindergarten. By the same token, all agree that the entrance age for Grade I should be increased to 5 years and 8 months from 5 years and 6 months as of September first of any school year. After careful consideration of the results of our own and others study of this vital issue I am convinced that the increase in age requirement is highly desirable and I recommend its adoption for the school year beginning September, 1955.

During the past year new legislation has become effective in our Commonwealth which increases the responsibility of the public schools for the so-called retarded child. Without attempting in this report to spell out the specifics of the new law, may I emphasize that our staff is taking the necessary steps to insure that our schools conform to the spirit as well as the letter of the provisions of the regulations governing the handicapped.

Within the year ahead we will coordinate our educational and physical diagnostic services so that accurate reporting of pupils needing further attention can be made. Once discovered, every effort and facility must be applied toward providing real help for the child.

The services of our remedial reading clinic have been so valuable that I am recommending that they be made available on a full-time basis as of September 1955. Classroom teachers are unanimous in their appreciation of and praise for the work of the clinic in helping children with reading problems.

At the secondary level we continue to make progress in the collective study of our curriculum. The high school principal has made specific recommendations concerning certain subject areas and your attention is called to her report attached hereto.

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development were administered for the second successive year to grades 9 through 12. One of the great values of these tests is in their accumulative effect for the pupil and the school as the results become available for several years. For instance, the tenth grader who took them last year as well as this can plot his educational growth, observe his areas of greatest improvement, check for evidences of less than normal growth. Of course as he takes the tests in the two years ahead he can get a complete four-year picture of his development which should become increasingly valuable to him for guidance and planning purposes.

The high school staff uses accumulative class averages from the tests to observe areas of strength and weakness in basic areas of the curriculum. As trends are observed, curriculum changes can be suggested and tried with the sure knowledge that subsequent test scores will show whether the change achieved the desired objective.

The test results also permit us to measure the work of our schools against those of other school systems in New England and in the nation. We are pleased that for the past two years our results would indicate that we are above average.

In my opinion the challenge for the future in the area of the curriculum is two-fold: first, are we sure that the *real* needs of our growth are being met, and second, is each pupil being guided to choose those subjects which will best meet his present and future educational-vocational needs? With all our efforts devoted to achieving these two objectives we can be assured that our curriculum will serve its intended function in our schools.

### *School Lunch Program*

Our cafeterias are a vital part of our total school program. They are self-supporting and non-profit making. All earnings are used to increase the quality and quantity of the food served. We have added personnel to the cafeteria staff and as participation increases additional services will be required. I strongly urge each parent to consider the advantages in this program which makes available complete and balanced meals for the modest sum of twenty-five cents including milk.

The cafeteria program also offers daily opportunity for each child to develop desirable attitudes toward food, to grow in his understanding of the value of a varied diet, and to become a part of a social experience which trains for good habits.

### *Costs of Our Public Schools*

Last year in my report I presented a cost analysis of the way in which the net school dollar for 1953 was spent. It is interesting to note that although our budget increased in total, the breakdown per dollar remains the same and is as follows:

7 cents	{	General Control—Superintendent and Administration
69 cents	{	Experienced teachers, principals and supervisors
		Textbooks and supplies
		Art, music and audio-visual aids
		Remedial Teaching
13 cents	{	Guidance and testing
		Custodians
		Light, heat, water
		Cleaning and repair materials
8 cents	{	Maintenance (repairs, replacements)
		Transportation of school children
		School Physician and nurse
3 cents	{	Libraries and graduation
		New equipment, athletics, vocational education and Adult education

It is difficult to present per pupil costs in a meaningful manner because there are many bases upon which the necessary calculations can be made. Using the data which are submitted in our annual report to the Massachusetts Department of Education, the per pupil cost of our public schools is \$216.64 for the school year 1953-1954. This compares favorably with a per pupil cost of \$243.08 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In connection with the Public School Budget it is interesting to note the following facts:

1954 Appropriation for Support of the Public Schools	\$172,048.74
1954 Actual expenditures from appropriation	\$168,230.57
1954 Cash Receipts from all school sources	34,594.54
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1954 NET COST TO TOWN	\$133,636.03

Thus it may be seen that our net costs are considerably less than our requested appropriation. Our cash receipts come from several sources which are shown on page 18 of this report.

Every effort is being made to provide our children with the best educational, vocational and social training possible in our public schools at a cost that reflects the necessity for a realistic balance between and among the total municipal services authorized by our town.

### *Miscellaneous*

During the year our public schools were admitted to membership in The New England School Development Council. This organization is dedicated to the improvement of public school education in New England through a planned program of research and study on common problems. Members of each school staff are invited to participate in any research area which is of concern to the individual. We have had representation from our schools on committees working in the areas of kindergartens, school evaluation, teacher shortage and future teacher quality. With this promising beginning we look forward to many mutually rewarding experiences as members of this fine organization.

On December 3, 1954 Hamilton High School was admitted membership in The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Since only schools which meet stated requirements concerning curriculum, staff and plant are elected to membership, it is a distinct honor and tribute to our school to become affiliated with this organization.

We look forward to an opportunity in the years ahead for our high school staff to carry out a comprehensive self-evaluation of Hamilton High School under Association auspices and direction. Our part of the evaluation program is followed by an evaluation of our school by a visiting committee of experts who make a report to our staff on its findings. The objective of all this is of course, to discover ways and means by which our educational program can be improved.

We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of the Community Garden Club of Hamilton-Wenham. On December 12 and 13, 1954 the Club put on its First Annual Christmas Exhibit and Flower Show. The net proceeds from this outstanding event have been set aside to be used on the planned planting of the Manasseh Cutler School.

### *Conclusion*

Our Public schools are grateful for the continued loyal support of the people of our town. The School Building Committee, which effectively finished its work on our new school and high school addition, The School Building Needs Committee, which is taking the necessary steps toward providing more desperately needed school housing, The Parent-Teacher Association, which furnishes an effective liason between the home and the school, the staff and student body, working together for mutual benefit,—all are making outstanding contributions to our public schools.

I extend a special word of thanks and appreciation to the members of our school committee. It has been a pleasure to work with you and to observe your devotion to our children as you put into practice those policies which spell out a constantly improving educational opportunity for all.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER,

*Superintendent.*



## REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

DEAR SIR:

I am pleased to submit my fourth annual report as Principal of Hamilton High School.

The school year opened in September, 1954 with the largest enrollment in the history of the high school, 225 pupils, but with less operating room than has been available since the addition was dedicated in November of 1953. Due to crowded condition in the Manasseh Cutler School two sixth grades and four kindergartens had to be housed at the high school thus curtailing the use of classrooms in spite of increasing subject-divisions. Next September we shall require a minimum of six rooms for the Junior High so that there must be an evacuation by at least two of the elementary groups now in occupation. Grade 8 has a present enrollment of 56 so that next year it will require divisions in English and Civics,—possibly in General Science. Ancient History will be offered as an elective in the College Preparatory course thus fulfilling a long-recognized need for background information as a prerequisite to the study of a foreign language. Physical Education Classes, shop, and home economics will have to be divided also in grades 7 and 8. All of these factors result from increased enrollment and many signs point to continued expansion in other subject-areas.

Next fall, physics will be offered as a senior science-subject and chemistry placed in the junior year. This reversal is believed wise since so many of our graduates are signing up for technical colleges that it is better to have a shorter span of carry-over in physics. Seniors planning for chemical-engineering may also postpone chemistry if advisable until the senior year. Psychology and salesmanship will be substituted in 1955-56 for consumer economics. I would also recommend that general course pupils as well as college preparatory be required to complete two years of high school mathematics and that as soon as possible, more and varied electives be offered to fit the needs of these general pupils.

Two new teachers joined our faculty in September. Miss Libby Volk resigned in June and was replaced by Mrs. Mary Bergman of Beverly who has taught commercial subjects for fourteen years at Burdett College in Lynn besides five years at Ipswich High School. Mrs. Bergman earned a B.S. in Education at Salem Teachers' College. Hamilton is fortunate to obtain the services of a teacher of this calibre with such a range of experience in business teaching. It was necessary to employ an extra junior high instructor this year for English and social subjects—Mr. John Valois of Dorchester, who majored in biology at William and Mary's College in Virginia but transferred to Boston University from which he was graduated with a Master of Education degree. He has worked on biological research for the Rockefeller Institute and at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Wood's Hole. Mr. Valois did practice-teaching at Brookline High School before coming to Hamilton.

The English department has been making special effort this year to encourage outside-reading by sending monthly orders for Teen Age Club editions which have been educationally screened, have a variety of appeal, and are modern in style and readability. Through the cooperation of the town librarian, books for reference and for outside-reading have also been made available. Our classroom teachers are conscious of a need for remedial reading in the high school. This seems to be a nation-wide weakness according to educational journals, which may be partly due to the fact that formal instruction in reading ceases with grade 6 and perhaps because pupils just do not read enough to practice this skill in these days of radio, movies, and television. Colleges also are continually calling attention to this problem so our job in the high schools is to produce a heightened interest in reading by providing literature diversified sufficiently to satisfy various reading levels.

Extra curricula offerings have been confined this past year to Driver Education, Glee Club, Dramatics, Varsity Club, Yearbook, and Art in grades 7 and 8. Pupils who are 15 years 6 months old in September are eligible for Driver Training which consists of twenty classroom lessons, eight lessons behind the wheel and sixteen observational. The local Chevrolet agency agreed to provide a student-driver car. Miss Millicent Boswell is a qualified faculty instructor, having taken the Registry-approved course of intensive instruction in safe-driving. A young person who has been trained through such a course in school is rewarded by having his parents pay a reduced insurance rate.

Late in the spring of 1954 the Dramatic Club staged a two-night production of the play, "Family Circle", which deals with the girlhood of Cornelia Otis Skinner and her early stage ambitions. There is considerable dramatic talent still available for our spring production of a mystery type entitled, "Midnight". Our foreign language teacher, Mrs. Eleanor McKey, is eminently fitted to coach these amateur theatricals because of her past experience with debating teams and stage productions.

The Glee Club was also busy last year with their annual operetta under the able direction of Miss Ruth Austen. "Tolanthe" by Gilbert and Sullivan was well received by an appreciative audience of adults and pupils. The new, neutral-toned, cyclorama which had been installed on the stage before these productions took place, helped to improve the acoustics which the previous year had proved so noticeable inadequate.

The Student Council, organized in 1953, continues to function as a valuable advisory body. Class presidents become members automatically, then each class is entitled to elect one representative who must meet the eligibility requirements of the Student Council constitution. Many school duties may be assumed by this Council but their chief purpose of organization is to "furnish proper school leadership; promote better teacher-pupil relations," and provide sufficient and satisfying social activities. During the fall months the Council arranged the social calendar for the year; planned and controlled the voting for Student Government Day representatives; and now is working weekly on a school handbook, a project which aims to acquaint the student body with countless details regarding our high school rules, policies, and management.



The Varsity Club has launched a new monthly publication this year entitled, "The Covered Wagon" which aims to keep the students alerted to school news and activities. Only pupils who have earned letters in sports of past seasons are eligible to join the Varsity Club.

The Yearbook staff spends many months editing the annual copy of "The Hamiltonian". The editor, assistants, and business managers are chosen early in autumn from the members of the senior class by the senior adviser and the business teacher. Then the class photographer is selected, class pictures taken, followed by class groups, athletic teams and various clubs. The business managers' staff, on spare time, finance the project by selling advertising space in the Yearbook. Local citizens also are invited to contribute a nominal sum for the sponsor's page. Other staff members have meanwhile been working on design, illustration and compilation. Each senior class enjoys this task which is a valuable experience since it develops initiative, accuracy, salesmanship, and administrative ability.

Our high school has been accepted for membership this year in two educational organizations: (1) New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, (2) The New England School Development Council. Both of these associations are working for improvement of school curriculums in high school areas. A plan for a self-evaluation survey of schools that are members of either organization is underway already and will be a "must" within the next ten years.

Vocational Aptitude tests were administered to the senior class in November according to custom by the State Employment Service, a division of the United States Department of Labor and followed up in December by personal conference with the examiner which were of considerable vocational value in helping these young people make wise decisions regarding their post-graduate plans. The Iowa Tests of Educational Development that were given in grades 9 to 12 last October were repeated so that parents could compare and evaluate their child's progress in basic school subjects. This matter will be discussed at further length in the Superintendent's report.

Our athletic program continues to be satisfactorily staffed and much has been accomplished in a year. The football team won the trophy of the Cape Ann League for the third season so it is retained permanently in our trophy-case. The Basketball season is well under way and moderately successful since several colorful players were lost from last year's squad, thus slowing down the victories. However, both boys and girls who participate in the major sports are learning initiative, responsibility, cooperation, and good sportsmanship.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty members for their earnest efforts toward making our high school one of high educational standard, excelled by none.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL E. RAMER,

*Principal*

## REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my yearly report of the Manasseh Cutler School.

School opened in September with an increase of sixty-six pupils over the enrollment figure of 1953. Five hundred forty pupils were registered in kindergarten through grade six. Since then nineteen pupils have been transferred to other schools and thirty-four have been admitted making our total enrollment at present five hundred and fifty-five pupils.

A few changes were made in our teaching staff. Miss Katherine Mitchell resigned to accept a teaching position in Germany. This first grade vacancy was filled by Mrs. Glendora Ward. Miss Evelyn Rankin, wishing to be nearer Boston, accepted a position in the Arlington Schools. Mrs. Louise Leach of Hamilton who had done substitute work in the Hamilton system was appointed as permanent teacher in grade three. Because of the increased number of pupils in grades two and three additional classes were formed. Mrs. Janet Klem was appointed to teach the new second grade, while Mrs. Glory Hussey of Beverly was chosen to teach the additional third grade.

This need for extra second and third grade rooms necessitated the sending of the two sixth grades to rooms provided for them in the High School.

The two kindergarten classes are again being held in the High School and are still operating on the two platoon system.

Each new year brings the problem of additional rooms to care for our increased enrollment. At present it would seem that another second and another fourth grade will be needed for September, 1955.

This year the Dental Clinic is caring only for children of the first three grades because of the great increase in registration. There is a definite need for more time allotment for this clinic in order that all children of the first six grades may have the opportunity to share its benefits.

Our hot lunch program is still operating very successfully. We are serving an average of two hundred fifty lunches every day. Good hot well balanced meals do much to promote the health of any growing boy or girl. It is our aim to have every child take part in this program.

The safety of our boys and girls is of great concern to all of us. The Safety Patrol, composed of boys and girls from the fifth grades, is doing its utmost to care for the younger children on their way to and from school. Chief Frederick gave a talk, early in the fall, to the entire school. He pointed out the many traffic dangers and the ways by which they may be avoided.

The blanket accident insurance plan was again offered to all boys and girls. Several have derived benefits from this insurance.

Square dancing has become very popular in our fourth, fifth, and sixth grades as a physical education project. Several socials for this age group have been held after school hours. Many parents have expressed their approval of these get togethers and the hope that they will continue during the school year.

Five more portable electric record players have been purchased with school funds for use in our music classes. We now have nine record players which allows use of one for every two rooms.

On May 17, 1954 we were honored to have the annual banquet meeting of the North Shore Branch of the Association of Childhood Education held at our school. Teachers and principals from all over the North Shore were present and were greatly impressed by our new school.

Open House for all parents and friends was held on May 18, 1954. Many took advantage of this opportunity to visit our prettily decorated school and viewed the work of the boys and girls exhibited at this time. Tea was served in the cafeteria by the teachers.

During Education Week in November parents and friends were again invited to visit our classrooms and see the pupils working on their regular school program. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria by members of the Parent Teachers' Association.

In conclusion, I would like to express to you, the School Committee, parents and teachers, my appreciation of their loyalty and support.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN C. JOSEPH

*Principal.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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*To the Superintendent of Schools: ---*

DEAR SIR:

It is my pleasure again to report on the activities of the school physician in the preceding year. As I have remarked in previous reports, his duties should not be restricted to the periodic statutory and athletic examinations with recording and reporting of defects; the statistics on this phase of the work can be found elsewhere. The incidence and correction rate are good.

Thanks to the experienced help of the school nurse, Miss Florence Stobbart, the physician was enabled to devote some of his limited time to the pursuit of some of the other responsibilities of his office: popular health education for the school children, conferences with the faculty, inspection of the school plant from the standpoint of health and accident hazards, consideration of individual problems of social maladjustment or mental health, and the control of communicable disease in the schools.

To give the high school children the fullest benefit from the chest x-ray survey program sponsored last spring by the Hamilton-Wenham Boards of Health, a brief talk and movie on tuberculosis were presented at a special assembly prior to the x-ray clinic.

Conferences and informal conversations were held on various occasions with teachers and principals regarding general problems of school health and specific individuals who needed special consideration. In this manner an effort was made to recognize and correct social and psychological maladjustment before these problems totally disrupted the children's academic life.

In this era of antibiotic drugs the control of communicable disease is far simpler than before; nonetheless, vigilance is necessary to detect mild cases and early stages. Last fall a number of cases of whooping cough appeared in the local school population concomitant with a mild epidemic on the North Shore. In children who have had the customary inoculations, the disease is often indistinguishable from the common cold and hence is not quarantined, increasing the risk of contagion to newborn infants or uninoculated children. A concerted effort was made in Hamilton and Wenham to check the spread of the disease by more stringent application of existing regulations pertaining to illness, and the exclusion of all who had coughs. This illustrates again the disservice to the community by the parent who allows the child to go to school with "just a cough", which may be measles, whooping cough, or something else.

During the current school year the present incumbent has been materially assisted by Dr. Robert G. Love of Hamilton, who performed most of the physical examinations in The Manasseh Cutler School; without his collaboration it would have been impossible to fulfill the requirements of this office for the increased student body in the time available.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL M. ROGERS, M. D.  
*School Physician.*

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

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*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my twenty-fifth annual report as nurse for the Hamilton Public Schools.

Dr. Daniel M. Rogers, assisted by Dr. Robert E. Love, conducted medical examinations throughout the year. Certain physical defects were detected and they are reported below. In many instances medical and surgical corrections were made, a report of which follows the list of defects.

### *Defects*

Moderately Enlarged Tonsils		Orthodontia .....	6
and Enlarged Tonsils .....	25	Phimosis .....	3
Glands .....	11	Cryptorchis .....	3
Posture .....	18	Pilonidal Sinus .....	1
Ears .....	14	Vesicocele .....	1
Pes Planus .....	38	Thyroid .....	1
Cardiac .....	25	Speech .....	4
Teeth .....	185	Allergic conditions .....	18

Number of first aid dressings made ..... 587

### Medical and surgical corrections reported to date:

Tonsillectomy-Adenoidectomy ..	17	Dog Bites .....	3
Glands .....	11	Appendectomy .....	3
Ears .....	11	Concussion .....	3
Feet .....	7	Speech .....	4
Cardiac .....	25	Allergic conditions .....	18
Orthodontia .....	6	Herniorrhaphy .....	1
Phimosis .....	2	Nephrotomy .....	1
Fractures .....	5		

During the year the following contagious and communicable diseases were reported.

Whooping cough .....	18	Pneumonia .....	3
Measles .....	18	Miscellaneous .....	
Chicken pox .....	63	Ivy Poisoning .....	6
Scarlatina .....	1	Dogwood poisoning .....	6
Poliomelitis (non paralytic) ....	2	Sumac poisoning .....	5
Impetigo .....	3	Oak poisoning .....	7
Conjunctivitis .....	5		



The health officials of the public schools urge the parents to exercise every precaution in connection with actual or potential illness of their children. In many instances a simple cold might be the warning sign for the onslaught of a contagious disease. Parents should feel free to consult with the school doctor or school nurse in regard to attendance of a child who seems to have symptoms that need attention.

Eye and Ear examinations were conducted in accordance with our usual practice. Evidences of defects are called to the attention of the parents. It should be emphasized that the school service in this area is confined to the reporting of the evidence resulting from our tests. Each parent is asked to see that his child gets appropriate medical attention as quickly as possible.

Number of pupils found with defective vision .....	28
Number corrected with glasses .....	8
Number of pupils found with defective hearing .....	14
Hearing corrected by removal of cerumen .....	8
Hearing corrected by hearing aid .....	1

During the year there seemed to be considerable evidence of contagious and communicable diseases among the school children. Parents were advised by the school physician to take advantage of the added protection of suitable booster shots. Our reports indicate that 188 booster doses have been administered.

Because of the larger enrollment of children in the public school system the services of the dental clinic were confined to grades one, two and three starting in September, 1954. Dr. John King's report will give the complete details of the dental clinic for the year. 175 children not included under clinic services had some dental work done during the year.

In closing I wish to thank the School Committee, the Superintendent, parents, teacher personnel, school physicians and all other health agencies that have contributed to the health program in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE L. STOBART, R.N.  
*School Nurse*

## APPENDICES

## HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	BUDGET 1954	EXPENDED 1954	BUDGET 1955
General Expense	\$11,475.00	\$11,468.41	\$12,525.00
Expense of Instruction	111,562.99	110,414.17	132,060.02
Textbooks and Supplies	8,125.00	7,313.70	8,615.00
Operation of Plant	21,075.00	20,710.74	23,550.00
Maintenance of Plant	3,000.00	2,300.48	3,740.00
Auxiliary Agencies	15,098.75	14,957.47	16,752.00
Outlay	262.00	261.85	1,255.00
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	\$170,598.74	\$167,426.82	\$198,497.02
Special Appropriations:			
Vocational	1,250.00	803.75	1,250.00
Driver Training	200.00	.....	.....
Maintenance of Lamson School	.....	.....	350.00
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Grand Total	\$172,048.74	\$168,230.57	\$200,097.02

## LOCAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS 1954

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1954	\$168,230.57
CASH RECEIPTS DURING 1954	
(Turned over to Town Treasurer)	
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
General School Fund	\$26,274.85
Transportation	5,972.40
Vocational	579.97
State Wards (Tuition)	225.00
From Local Reimbursements:	
Miscellaneous	79.82
Tuition:	
Town of Essex	607.50
Town of Wenham	540.00
Mrs. C. W. Taintor, Topsfield	225.00
Harold Cunningham, Beverly	90.00
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TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS 1954	34,594.54
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NET COST TO TOWN IN 1954	\$133,636.03



## REVOLVING FUND

*Athletics*

Balance, January 1, 1954	\$297.58
Receipts during 1954	290.80
Total	<hr/> \$588.38
Expenditures during 1954	399.73
Balance, December 31, 1954	<hr/> \$188.65

*Cafeteria*

Balance January 1, 1954	\$2,303.98
Receipts during 1954:	
Sales of meals	\$16,233.46
Federal Subsidy	5,633.59
	<hr/> 21,867.05
Total	<hr/> \$24,171.03
Expenditures during 1954:	
Labor	4,900.55
Food	14,457.37
Miscellaneous	1,563.96
	<hr/> 20,921.88
Cash Balance, December 31, 1954	3,249.15
Accounts Receivable for 1954:	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Nov. Claim	\$677.76
Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Dec. Claim	582.73
	<hr/> 1,260.49
Accounts Payable for 1954:	
Food for December	\$1,480.23
Miscellaneous	17.57
	<hr/> \$1,497.80

## SCHOOL CENSUS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1954

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
Number between five and seven years of age .....	112	99
Number between seven and sixteen years of age .....	299	283
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Totals .....	411	382
Total Census .....		793

## Distribution of the above minors, October 1, 1954:

In the Public Day School .....	712
In vocational school .....	2
In private school .....	75
In state and county institutions and special schools for defective delinquents .....	4
Not enrolled in any school .....	0
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Totals (should equal corresponding totals in the above registration) .....	793

## MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1954

## AGE

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Totals
Kdg.	35	57															92
1		28	73	6													107
2			27	58	8												93
3				25	54	4	1										84
4					10	34	7	1									52
5						20	31	6		1							58
6							12	37	4								53
7								16	33	2	1	1					53
8									20	27	6	3					56
9										9	19	5	1				34
10											5	23	5	1			34
11												7	16	5			28
12													5	12	2		19
Totals	35	85	100	89	72	58	51	60	57	39	31	39	27	18	2		763

# HAMILTON TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY 1, 1955

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Subject or Grades</i>	<i>Appoint- ment</i>	<i>Yrs. Ex- perience</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Degree</i>
Douglas A. Chandler	High	Superintendent	1952	22	Northeastern University Boston University	B.B.A. Ed.M.
Mrs. Hazel Ramer	"	Principal	1921	44	Salem Normal	—
Edith M. Anderson	"	Grade 7	1929	40	Salem Normal	—
Wilbur Armstrong	"	Science	1944	33	Atlantic Union	B.R.E., B.A.
Ruth E. Austen	"	Grade 7	1945	10	Boston University	M.A.
Mary Bergman	"	Business	1954	19	Radcliffe	A.B.
Millicent J. Boswell	"	Home Economics and Cafeteria Manager	1943	12	Salem State Teachers Col. Framingham Teachers Col. Simmons College	B.S.E. B.S.E. M.S.
Marshall Gero	"	Manual Training	1947	18	Fitchburg Teachers Col.	B.S.E.
Donald J. Mack	"	Science and Math.	1953	4	Springfield College	B.S.
Carl J. Martini	"	Math. and Physical	1950	11	Syracuse University	M.S.
Mrs. Eleanor McKey	"	Education for boys			Holy Cross	B.S.
Priscilla McKay	"	Languages	1952	19	Tufts College	M.A.
Wilton J. Moyer	"	English	1950	8	Boston University	A.B., M.A.
John Valois	"	Social Studies	1949	14	American Inter. College	B.S.E.
Joan M. Webster	"	Grade 8	1954	0	Mansfield Penn. T. C.	B.S.E.
		Business and Physical	1953	2	Boston University	B.S.E.
		Education for Girls			Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Marian C. Joseph	Manasseh	Principal	1921	34	Salem Normal	—
Ellen Duffy	High	Grade 6	1927	28	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Mildred E. Scanlon	High	Grade 6	1953	19	Salem Normal	—
Mrs. Esther Goddard	Manasseh	Grade 5	1952	20	Salem Normal	—
Forrest L. Troop	"	Grade 5	1953	5	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Margaret Batchelder	"	Grade 4	1920	35	Salem Normal	—
Mrs. Dorothy B. Jones	"	Grade 4	1953	15	University of Vermont	B.E.
Mrs. Carolyn Lander	"	Grade 3	1950	17	Gorham Normal	—
Mrs. Glory Hussey	"	Grade 3	1954	5	State Teachers College	—
Mrs. Louise Leach	"	Grade 3	1954	8	Eastern State Normal	—
Mrs. Doris Foster	"	Grade 2	1948	10	Keene Normal	—
Mrs. Ruth Harris	"	Grade 2	1949	5	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Janet Klem	"	Grade 2	1948	3	Wheaton College	A.B.

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Doris M. Blood	"	Grade 1	1953	1	Lesley College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Nona Hayes	"	Grade 1	1952	5	Oswego State Teachers Col.	B.S.E.
Mary E. Lucey	"	Grade 1	1948	6	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Glendora Ward	"	Grade 1	1954	7	Castine Normal	—
Harriet Erskine	High	Kindergarten	1946	10	Lesley Kindergarten	—
Edith M. Ross	High	Kindergarten	1953	1	Lesley College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Ruth McCann	Manassch	Remedial	1953	11	Lesley College	—
Rupert Lillie	All	Art	1953	7	University of Maryland	S.B.
Maude L. Thomas	Manassch	Music	1923	32	Harvard School of Design	M.L.A.
Florence L. Stobbart	All	Nurse	1925	29	Boston University Beverly Hospital	R.N.

# FORTY-FOURTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Hamilton High School

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Thursday Evening, June 10, 1954

At Eight O'clock

## PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL	"Pomp and Circumstance"	<i>Edward Elgar</i>
	Hamilton High School Chorus	
INVOCATION	Reverend Edward J. McLaughlin	
COMMENCEMENT THEME:	Speaking for My Generation	
	Juvenile Delinquency	Phyllis Mae Smerage
	Musical Selection	
	Song of Man	Richard Kountz
	Soloists—Charles A. Fowlie	
	Clifton L. Jermyn	
	Youth at the Wheel	Gail Lynda Foster
	As a Citizen	Philip Bond Trussell
REMARKS	Douglas A. Chandler	
	<i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS		
	Hamilton Teachers' Club	Mrs. Gordon McKey
		<i>President, Hamilton Teachers' Club</i>
	Hamilton Scholarship	Harold Child
		<i>Chairman, Awarding Committee</i>
	American Legion	Bernard Cullen
		<i>Commander, A. P. Gardner Post 194, A. L.</i>
	Musical Selection	
	May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You	arranged by William Stickles
PRESENTATION OF CLASS OF 1954	Mrs. Hazel Ramer	
	<i>Principal, Hamilton High School</i>	
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	Morley Piper	
	<i>Chairman, School Committee</i>	
BENEDICTION	Reverend Edward J. McLaughlin	
RECESSIONAL		

# GRADUATES

Mary Jane Byrnes

Thomas Faulkner Cullen

Robert Leroy Dodge

Albert Michael Edmondson, Jr.

\*Gail Lynda Foster

Charles Albert Fowlie

Marjorie Louise Henley

Clifton Lawrence Jermyn

Donald Spencer Lightbody

Jean Ann Maidment

Robert Donald McRae

Richard Warner Morris

Murdoch Kenneth Morrison

James Beals Parker, Jr.

Margaret Louise Pierce

\*Lee Wright Saunders

Barbara Irene Sheppard

\*Phyllis Mae Smerage

Laurence Clark Smith

Annette Mabel Thibodeault

Margaret Dolores Trepanier

\*Philip Bond Trussell

\*Honor Group

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

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(Subject to Change)

1955

January 3	Schools open
February 18	Schools close for February Recess
February 28	Schools open
April 8	Good Friday—no sessions
April 15	Schools close for April Recess
April 25	Schools open
May 30	Memorial Day—no sessions
June 23	Schools close for summer

### Summer Vacation

September 7	Schools open
October 7	County Teachers Convention—no sessions
October 12	Columbus Day—no sessions
November 11	Armistice Day—no sessions
November 23	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Recess
November 28	Schools open
December 23	Schools close at noon for Christmas Recess

1956

January 3	All schools open
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### AGE OF ADMITTANCE

Pupils entering the kindergarten in September must have been at least four years of age on March 1st preceding entrance in September.

Pupils entering the first grade in September must have been at least five years of age on March 1st preceding entrance in September.

### VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of vaccination or exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

### NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

As a matter of policy school will be in session whenever possible. Whenever weather conditions are questionable parents are urged to exercise their own judgment as to whether their children are sent to school or not.

Whenever it seems inadvisable to have school sessions the following procedure for no-school signals will be observed. Radio stations WHDH, WBZ, and WESX will be notified not later than 7:00 a.m. so that notification may be broadcast by them between 7:15 and 8:00 a.m. At 7:30 a.m. the no-school signal 22-22 will be sounded on the local fire alarm.



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